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FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1879.



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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

THE Selectmen herewith submit their Annual Report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1879 (twelve months).

POOR.

Your attention is invited to the classified list of paupers attached to this report.

It shows twenty-four less of those having legal settlements in our town than were aided, as reported, for the previous year. These all fall under Sect. II., Class 1. The number of those *fully* supported remains the same as last year. Of these, all but three are aged and infirm, and must remain a burden upon us. In the outside temporary-relief department, as under Sect. II., Classes 2 and 3, there has been an increase of eleven over the previous year. One has been discharged from the Asylum for the Insane, leaving four.

The tramps have shown their usual sagacity and shrewdness in forming the acquaintance of Mr. S. L. Walton, the efficient lock-up keeper, and have succeeded in keeping him well patronized. The tramp seems to *scent* this institution even in the distance, as does the bird of prey the battle-field, and hither turns his steps with the instinct of a canine to his kennel. Mr. Walton reports an increase of eighty-six above any previous year.

Of the amount — namely, \$469.06 — which was to have been reimbursed to this department, as reported last year, on account of the Waitt and Kelly estates, only \$38.03 has been received. The expense for outside relief, which is greater than for previous years, is to

be reimbursed in full by cities and towns, and that on State account to the extent of the statute.

*Number of Paupers fully supported within the Year ending
Dec. 31, 1879.*

SECTION I.

Class 1. Had a settlement in our town	11
2. In receptacles for the insane	5
3. Were State paupers	2
Total number	18

Number of Persons partially supported within the Year.

SECTION II.

Class 1. Had a settlement in our town	80
2. Had a settlement elsewhere in the State	20
3. Were State paupers	15
Total number	115

SECTION III.

Class 1. Truants in the State schools	3
2. Tramps lodged in the lock-up	1,024

We anticipate better times in the spring, which must bring us relief in the temporary-aid department.

The poor complain of hard times, — that wages are no higher, and no more work than they had last winter. The times did look better in the fall; but it was very unfortunate that, with the *first* signs of business activity, speculation, and a consequent rise in the prices of those staples and necessities of life which we *must* have, tended to victimize and oppress, rather than benefit, the poor. A full report of receipts and expenses may be found elsewhere.

RELIEF OF SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, OR FOR HEADSTONES.

The sum which was appropriated in 1878 for the purposes above named has been expended during the present year for headstones,

which are being placed at the graves of soldiers in Wyoming Cemetery.

HIGHWAYS.

The appropriation for highways, we believe, has been expended as judiciously as possible by the three surveyors appointed by the town.

We would recommend that one efficient person be elected for the term of three years to the office of highway surveyor, to have charge of the highways under the supervision of the Selectmen.

DRAINAGE.

The culvert on Winthrop Place, at the Highlands, has been taken up and relaid, and about 80 feet of 10-inch pipe laid from Franklin Street to the brook.

A continuation of the Emerson-street and Taylor drain has been made across Oakland Street, thence to the brook, about 207 feet 15-inch pipe being used. Nearly 200 feet of 10-inch pipe has been laid from Porter across Lebanon and Main Streets to the pond. Ell-pond brook, from its source to Malden line, has received its annual clearing-out.

The culvert at Wyoming Depot will require attention this year. For this and other necessary repairs, we would recommend \$600.

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

In compliance with the vote of the town, concrete sidewalks have been laid opposite estates whose owners were willing to pay one-half the expense of laying the same, to the full extent of the appropriation: 5,920½ square yards have been thus laid, a detailed account of which will be found in this report. With so good results from the last two years' appropriations for this object, we would recommend a further appropriation of \$1,000 the present year.

About 400 square yards of concrete crossings have been laid under the direction of the Board at the following places: —

From Worthen's store to Centre Depot; across Cedar Park, near depot; from west side of Poplar Street, across Emerson Street;

across Vinton Street, near residence of D. W. Gooch ; across Vinton Street, near residence of H. N. Perkins ; on Franklin Street, near Highland Depot ; across Essex Street, to Town-hall lot ; across Main Street, from corner Essex Street ; across Myrtle Street, near Foster Street ; across Willow Street, at junction with Foster Street ; across Emerson Street, to High-schoolhouse lot ; across Lake Avenue, to High-schoolhouse lot.

STREET-LIGHTS.

Our streets have been lighted by the Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston.

The first five months of the year were included in a contract made with the same company last year. The present contract includes the furnishing of ten additional iron posts and frames, with copper lanterns and fixtures, erecting the same, and the lighting and keeping in repair of all the street-lamps for one year, from June 1, 1879, for \$1,470, — a saving of over \$300 from the appropriation made at the annual town meeting of March last.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This department is in good condition, — good officers and good men.

A full report is made by the engineers.

TOWN HALL.

All necessary repairs have been made ; and the building is now in good condition, and *likely to stand* for centuries.

Full report of receipts and expenses will be found elsewhere.

MILITARY AID.

Under the provisions of chap. 282, Acts of the Legislature of 1878, \$117.75 was disbursed in January, 1879. This much abused Act was promptly repealed by the Legislature of 1879 ; and soon after an Act was passed entitled, “ An Act for the Benefit of Indigent

Soldiers and Sailors" (chap. 252), which provides that cities and towns may pay or expend for persons entitled to relief under said Act, having a settlement within their respective limits, under the pauper laws, such an amount as will relieve actual want or distress. A board of commissioners, appointed under the Act, are charged with the supervision and investigation of all payments; and monthly returns are required to be made to them showing sums paid, to whom, and reasons for expenditure. Upon the approval of the board of commissioners, ONE-HALF of the amount expended by any city or town will be refunded by the State, and the other half of the expense must be borne by the city or town disbursing the same. We have expended \$126 for the past year, and have received the approval of the commissioners in each case.

The law relating to the payment of State aid to invalid pensioners of the United States, and dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors who served to the credit of Massachusetts in the war, was repealed by the same Legislature, and an Act similar in character passed (chap. 301), which provides that monthly returns of the sums, circumstances, and reasons for expenditure in each case shall be made to the board of commissioners before mentioned; and, upon their approval, the total amount paid shall be reimbursed to the city or town expending the same.

ARMORY RENT.

For rent of Armory to Jan. 1, 1880, \$625 has been paid, making a total amount paid by the town for rent of buildings for the accommodation of Battery C, M.V.M., since the year 1872, of \$3,737, all of which has been refunded to the town by the State.

BOUNTY-CLAIM.

The claim of William H. Pearson for bounty, which was referred to William B. Burgess, C. B. Baldwin, and Board of Selectmen, was carefully investigated: and, while not admitting the legality of the claim, we were satisfied that the soldier did not receive from the town any remuneration whatever for enlistment, and therefore

deemed it advisable to pay to his attorney the amount paid others who enlisted at the same time; viz., \$125.

POLICE.

The frequent burglaries occurring the past year seem to have awakened the citizens to the importance of having the town more thoroughly protected by police or night-watchmen, and urgent demands have been made to the Selectmen to increase the service; but the meagre appropriation has, in a measure, been a bar to complying with the demands in full.

We would recommend for the present year \$800.

SUITS.

All suits against the town are now settled, *to the best of our knowledge and belief*, including lawyers' fees. In the action of F. W. Judkins for damages, for injuries alleged to have been received through a defect, said to have existed, in sidewalk near the Town Hall, by agreement, referees were appointed, who awarded him the sum of \$50.

The award, and other expenses connected therewith, excepting bill of counsel, have been paid from the contingent fund, as was also the bounty-claim before mentioned.

Respectfully submitted.

DANIEL NORTON, JUN.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

DURING the past year, we believe, our town has been free from contagious diseases, excepting several cases of diphtheria resulting in five deaths. Those cases were attended to by the Board as soon as they became known, and necessary precaution taken to prevent its spread. Complaints having been made of a filthy and dirty stable and barnyard on Main Street, with stagnant water in its vicinity, detrimental to the public health, and very offensive to the whole neighborhood, after several interviews with the occupants, the nuisance, in a measure, has been abated; but still there is room for improvement. This case, we understand, is one that has been frequently complained of in former years; and the Board questions whether any citizen has the right to maintain so offensive a place in the centre of the town under such circumstances. Several complaints arising from hog-pens, stable-vaults, &c., have been before the Board, all of which have been attended to by the owners on being notified.

EXPENSES BY THE BOARD.

"Melrose Journal"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$6 00
J. V. Smith, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
J. H. Smith, M.D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
G. W. Bartlett	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
E. A. Alden	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	50
									\$15 50

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.
DANIEL NORTON, JUN.
HENRY G. FIELDS.

CIRCULAR BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Diphtheria.

When a case occurs in any family, the sick person should be placed in a room apart from the other inmates of the house, and should be nursed, as far as possible, by one person only. The sick chamber should be well warmed, exposed to sunlight, and well aired. Its furniture should be such as will permit of cleansing without injury; and all extra articles, such as window drapery, woollen carpets, and the like, should be removed from the room during the sickness. The family should not mingle with other people. Visitors to the infected house should be warned of the presence of a dangerous disease therein; and children especially should not be admitted. All clothing and bedding worn or used by the patient or nurse should be cleansed by boiling for at least one hour; or, if that cannot be done, by free and prolonged exposure to out-door air and sunlight. The walls of the room should be dry-rubbed, and all the cloths used for the purpose should be burned without previous shaking. The ceiling should be scraped and whitened. The floor should be washed with soap and water, and carbolic acid may be added to the water (one pint to three or four gallons). The infected clothing should be cleansed by itself, and not sent to a laundry. In case of death, the funeral services should be strictly private, and the corpse should not be exposed to view. The Board also require that physicians should report all cases to them, and that children should be excluded from the schools until such times as a physician may decide is necessary to insure freedom from contagion.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 3, 1879.

ARTICLE 1. — Chose Levi S. Gould, Moderator.

ART. 2. — *Voted*, To choose three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor ; one Clerk ; one Treasurer ; one Collector ; three Assessors ; one Water Commissioner for three years ; three Highway Surveyors ; two School Committee for three years, and one for two years ; one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years ; five Trustees of the Public Library ; one Constable ; and three Auditors.

ART. 3. — *Voted*, That the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) be raised and appropriated for the support of schools, for the purpose of paying salaries, for fuel, care of buildings, and including also compensation of School Committee.

ART. 4. — *Voted*, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes, with the approval of the Selectmen.

ART. 7. — The committee appointed to settle with the Collector of Taxes for the years 1875, 1876, and 1877, submitted their report. Voted to accept. Committee discharged on years 1875 and 1876.

Voted, That the Board of Assessors are hereby directed to furnish the Collector of Taxes, on or before the first day of July of each year, a list of all persons who are assessed a poll tax only, together with the names of such other persons as in their judgment the interests of the town may require, and that the Collector proceed forthwith to collect the same. This order shall remain in force until repealed by a majority of the legal voters of this town.

Voted, That the Assessors be directed to enter upon the back pages of the Assessors' books the names of parties receiving abatements, with the date, amount, and the particular portion of tax abated, whether poll, real estate, or personal, and for what reason. Such

abatement to be noted opposite the name of the party in the assessment.

Voted, That the Treasurer, or such other officer having authority, be authorized to waive any claim the town may have against Mr. Aaron Green, Collector of Taxes for the year 1867, provided he waives any claim he may have against the town, and passes into their custody the book used by him when Collector.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to settle with the Collector of Taxes for the years 1873 and 1874 be requested to attend to that duty, and report at the next town meeting.

Selectmen's report on guide-boards accepted.

Voted, To close the polls at 5.30 P.M.

Voted, That the matter of claim of William H. Pearson for bounty be referred to the Board of Selectmen, Mr. William B. Burgess, and the Commander of Post 4, G.A.R., for adjustment.

OFFICERS DECLARED ELECTED UNDER ARTICLE 2.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Daniel Norton, jun., H. G. Fields, Osmore Jenkins. Town Clerk, John Larrabee. Treasurer, George Newhall. Assessors, Dexter Pratt, George C. Stantial, J. C. Currier. Collector, John R. Jones. Water Commissioner (for three years), W. Irving Ellis. Highway Surveyors, James Marshall, George P. Fuller, W. B. Ellis. School Committee, Mrs. Ann M. Kunhardt, Mrs. J. C. Currier, Miss Phœbe A. Norris. Trustees of the Public Library, Frederic Kidder, E. H. Goss, C. C. Barry, Hannah Lynde, Addie A. Nichols. Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner (three years), John W. Farwell. Constable, Ansel B. Pierce. Auditors, John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Ernest B. Mendum.

Voted, To adjourn the meeting to 7.30 P.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 3, 1879, 7.30 P.M.

ART. 3. — *Voted*, To raise and appropriate the following sums for the purposes named :—

School contingent	\$1,700 00
Support of poor	4,000 00
Highways	2,400 00
Sidewalks (reconsidered)	1,500 00
Fire Department	2,200 00
Fire Department, for the purchase of new hose	400 00
Street-lights, including the addition of ten new lamps	1,800 00

Contingent expenses	\$800 00
Water, use of	2,000 00
Water, maintenance	1,500 00
Reduction of town debt	6,000 00
Public library, dog tax, and	400 00
Drainage	600 00
Salaries of town officers	1,880 00
Interest on debt	8,000 00
Case of Waitt Brothers, paupers	2,135 46
Drainage of Emerson Street (near D. L. Taylor's)	829 19
Deficiencies in accounts; to wit, —	
Poor account	\$389 61
Highways	1,000 00
Town Hall	698 73
School contingent	216 48
Construction water-works	462 08
	2,766 90
Police	200 00

Voted, That concrete crossings be laid, under the direction of the Selectmen, where thought advisable, and that two hundred dollars be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

Voted, That the interest collected by the Collector upon taxes for the year 1878 be credited to the interest account for the year 1879.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments.

Voted, That the town officers be paid the same salaries as last year.

Voted, That the ballots and check-list used this day be placed in the custody of the Town Clerk; and that the Moderator and Clerk be requested and directed to count the ballots, seal them up, and hold them subject to the order of the town. That they be requested to report the result of their count at the adjourned meeting.

Voted, To adjourn to Wednesday, March 12, 1879, at 7.30 P.M.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 12, 1879.

ART. 3. — *Voted*, To reconsider the vote whereby fifteen hundred dollars was appropriated at former meeting for concrete sidewalks.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be raised to make concrete sidewalks opposite all estates whose owners will obligate themselves to pay one-half the expense of the same, at a price not exceeding thirty-three cents per yard, — work to be performed under the supervision of the Selectmen in the order applied for.

ART. 5. — *Voted*, To indefinitely postpone.

ART. 6. — Referred to the Selectmen.

ART. 7. — *Voted*, That all taxes be made payable on or before Oct. 1, 1879, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of seven per centum per annum. That all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1880, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

Voted, That the Treasurer shall keep an account with the Collector. That the Assessors shall certify to the Treasurer the amount of taxes given to the Collector for collection; also certify monthly the amount of abatements made by them, if any. That the Collector shall turn in to the Treasurer, with his collections, the stubs of the tax-bills, giving him the amount collected for interest, the stubs to be held by him subject to the call of the Auditors.

Voted, That the Selectmen cause the bell upon the Town Hall to be rung every evening at nine o'clock, said ringing to be included in the duties of the Janitor, without additional expense to the town.

The Selectmen submitted a list of persons for the offices named below, which was accepted and adopted: —

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal, Seth E. Benson, James D. Littlefield. Surveyor of Lumber, Henry A. Leonard. Committee on Cemeteries, George Newhall, Nathaniel Howard, John Larrabee. Field-Drivers, Otis Howard, Horace W. Cushman, Frank Gibbons, Henry B. Newhall, Marcus Malcolm. Fence-Viewers, Aaron Green, Charles T. Stevens. Police Officers, A. B. Pierce, H. B. Newhall, Joseph Holbrook, H. W. Cushman, Ami Chick, Henry Robinson, Samuel L. Walton. Sealer of Weights and Measures, A. B. Pierce. Lock-up and Pound Keeper, Samuel L. Walton.

ART. 2. — The Moderator presented a report showing the result of a recount of the ballots cast at meeting held March 3. He then defined his position as presiding officer, and amended his former declaration by declaring the time for which the School Committee were chosen, — Mrs. Ann M. Kunhardt and Mrs. Maria W. Currier for three years, and Miss Phœbe A. Norris for two years, — and that

J. F. Boyd was elected to the office of Selectman, in place of Osmore Jenkins, erroneously declared elected at former meeting.

Voted, To adjourn sine die.

MEETING, MARCH 26, 1879.

ART. 1. — Chose Levi S. Gould, Moderator. A letter was read from Mr. Osmore Jenkins, in which he resigned the position to which he was declared elected by the Moderator at meeting held March 3, 1879.

ART. 3. — *Voted, To reduce the several sums raised and appropriated March 3, 1879, as follows:—*

For lighting streets	\$300 00
drainage	200 00
highways	400 00
Public Library	200 00
salaries of Board of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, and Board of Health	250 00
salaries, Assessors	50 00
salaries, Water Commissioners	50 00

Voted, To dissolve the meeting.

MEETING, NOV. 4, 1879.

ART. 2. — Chose Moses Briggs, Moderator.

ART. 3. — *Voted, To accept and adopt the jury list as presented by the Selectmen, and revised by the meeting.*

ART. 4. — *Voted, That the vote passed be rescinded, and that the bell be not rung as directed.*

ART. 5. — Referred to the Selectmen, with full powers to act according to their best judgment.

ART. 6. — *Voted, That the matter be referred to the Selectmen, with full power to act in the premises, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sum of money as the Selectmen may deem necessary to pay the expense of same.*

ART. 7. — *Voted, That the bill be referred to the selectmen, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow such sum to pay the same as the Selectmen shall approve.*

ART. 8. — *Voted, That the Collector be instructed to take such action as he may deem proper for the collection of poll taxes now due, and that the town will exonerate him from all liabilities, and indemnify him for all proper expenses incurred.*

ARTICLE 1. — VOTE OF MELROSE FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS.

For Governor.

John D. Long of Hingham	445
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell	204
John Quincy Adams of Quincy	22
Daniel C. Eddy	1
Henry A. Bush	1

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Byron Weston of Dalton	456
Albert C. Woodworth of Chicopee	191
William R. Plunkett of Pittsfield	23

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	492
Michael T. Donohoe of Somerville	181

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Charles Endicott of Canton	459
David N. Skillings of Winchester	196
George Dutton of Springfield	18

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield	459
Davis J. King of Boston	191
Charles R. Field of Greenfield	23

For Attorney-General.

George Marston of New Bedford	460
William D. Northend of Salem	172
Richard Olney of Boston	23
Horace Binney Sargent of Salem	18

For Councillor, Sixth District.

George Heywood of Concord	461
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence	212

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

Daniel Russell of Melrose	532
James Skinner of Woburn	126
Charles H. Lang of Reading	14

For County Commissioner.

Daniel G. Walton of Wakefield	461
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn	210

For County Treasurer.

Amos Stone of Everett	456
Alden Warren of Groton	196
David D. Hart of Woburn	18

For Sheriff.

Eben W. Fiske of Waltham	467
John A. G. Richardson of Lowell	205

For District Attorney, Northern District.

John W. Hammond of Cambridge	461
James J. McCafferty of Lowell	209

For Register of Deeds, Southern Middlesex District.

Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge	673
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For Representative, Ninth Middlesex District.

Joseph D. Wilde of Melrose	499
John P. Deering of Melrose	160
George A. Griffin	3
Aaron Green	1

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS, IN
THE TOWN OF MELROSE, DURING THE YEAR 1879.

	BIRTHS.	MARRIAGES.	DEATHS.
January	6	5	5
February	10	6	5
March	8	—	4
April	7	2	6
May	11	2	7
June	4	1	3
July	3	6	8
August	13	2	5
September	8	4	5
October	5	6	4
November	11	4	1
December	7	5	11
	93	43	64

BIRTHS.

Number registered	100
Males	43
Females	57

Of the above number,

93 were born in Melrose.

7 were born in other places.

Born of American parents	73
of foreign parents	13
of American father and foreign mother	9
of foreign father and American mother	5
	100

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	42
Both parties residing in Melrose	18
But one party residing in Melrose	23
Both parties residing out of town	1
	42

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	43
More than last year	4
Both parties American	36
Both parties foreign	4
Parties American and foreign	3
	—
	43
First marriage of persons	73
Second marriage of persons	11
Third marriage of persons	2
	—
	86 — 43 couples.

DEATHS.

Whole number	64
More than last year	3
Males (married)	12
Females (married)	13
Widows	7
Widowers	1
Males (single)	3
Females (single)	4
Male children	10
Female children	14
	— 64

Diseases, or Causes of Deaths.

Apoplexia, 1; asthenia, 1; brain disease, 1; cause unknown (found dead), 1; chronic gastritis, 1; consumption, 4; cancer of liver, 2; cerebral apoplexy, 1; cholera infantum, 1; cancer uteri, 1; cancer of brain, 1; cirrhosis of liver, 1; cerebral congestion, 1; debility and softening of brain, 1; dropsy and inflammation of lungs, 1; diabetes mellitus, 1; diphtheria, 7; dysentery, 1; dropsy and albuminaria, 1; endocarditis, 1; erysipelas, 1; embolism, 1; eclampsia infantum, 1; hemorrhage of bowels, 1; heart disease, 1; heart dropsy, 1; inanition, 1; morbus (Bright's), 1; ovarian tumor, 1; old age and debility, 1; pneumonia, 1; paralysis from fall, 1; prostatic hypertrophy, 1; puerperal metritis, 1; pregnancy and congestion of lungs, 1; peritonitis and injury, 1; phthisis, 1; pulmonary tuberculosis, 3; pericarditis, 1; pyetitis following chronic cystitis, 1; scarlatina anginosa, 1; spasm glottis, 1; stillborn, 4; stricture of urethra, 1; tuberculosis, 1; teething and bowel complaint, 1; valvular heart disease and dropsy, 2; valvular heart disease and Bright's disease, 1.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year 1879, 208 males and 8 females ; total, 216.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by law, \$412.80

Section 3 of Article 2, Town By-Laws, provides that no money shall be paid from the treasury, excepting State and county taxes, notes, and interest thereon, except upon the presentation of a proper voucher, which shall require the approval of the majority of the Selectmen. After such approval, it shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to draw an order upon the Treasurer for the required amount, retaining the voucher in his possession.

In accordance with the above by-law, 1,454 orders have been drawn upon the Town Treasurer for the sum of \$37,383.71.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1879.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
Jan. 1 .	Annie Mary Fielding .	Female.	Thomas C. and Mary J.	Publisher.
" 2 .	Eva May Ryder .	Female.	Thomas J. and Mary E.	Clerk.
" 8 .	Helen Drake .	Female.	Henry C. and Lois A. .	Clerk.
" 10 .	Alice Meade .	Female.	Thomas H. and Anastatia	Blacksmith.
" 19 .	Florence Helen Mason .	Female.	William W. and Sarah P.	Merchant.
" 22 .	Katherine Finnegan .	Female.	Daniel and Lizzie .	Laborer.
" 29 .	Joseph Henry Wheeler *	Male	James L. and Sarepta E.	Moulder.
Feb. 3 .	Edward Asa Sawyer .	Male	Charles H. and Clara E.	Book-keeper.
" 5 .	Maud Parker Grant .	Female.	Daniel A. and Abbie A.	Clerk.
" 6 .	Mary Elizabeth Damon	Female.	Samuel T. and Lydia A.	Machinist.
" 10 .	— Woodman * .	Female.	George W. and Martha	Merchant.
" 14 .	Florence Elizabeth Loring	Female.	Eleazar and Jessie .	Manufacturer.
" 14 .	Anastatia Riley .	Female.	William and Mary J. .	Laborer.
" 18 .	Alice May Downing .	Female.	E. Herbert and L. Addie	Shoe-cutter.
" 19 .	Mary Ida Newhall .	Female.	Stephen O. and Lizzie A.	Carpenter.
" 19 .	Charles Edward Copeland	Male .	Charles S. and A. Louisa	Confectioner.
" 20 .	Gertrude Swenson *	Female.	Olof and Lena .	Blacksmith.
" 20 .	Philip Cassell .	Male	Thomas and Bridget .	Laborer.
" 24 .	Anna Martha Jackson .	Female.	John F. and Gertrude J.	Stable-keeper.
Mar. 10 .	Mary Ellen Maroney .	Female.	Thomas F. and Mary .	Driver.
" 19 .	Lucy May Westgate .	Female.	Herbert F. and Sarah V. .	Insurance agent.
" 21 .	Waldo Gilman Wildes .	Male .	George L. and Elizabeth N.	Railroad clerk.
" 26 .	Elsie May Anderson .	Female.	John H. L. and Abbie M.	Watchman.
" 26 .	Almira Fenno Safford .	Female.	George A. and Mary M.	Merchant

* Born elsewhere.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1879 — Continued.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
Mar. 28 .	Ida May Hunt .	Female .	George and Elizabeth .	Peddler.
" 30 .	Charles Franklin Follansbee .	Male .	Tristram F. and Fannie .	Hostler.
" 31 .	John Joseph Leonard .	Male .	Lawrence and Ellen .	Grocer.
April 1 .	Bradlee Williams .	Male .	William L. and Elizabeth F. .	Salesman.
" 4 .	Nellie May Waitt .	Female .	Andrew and Nellie .	Harness-maker.
" 9 .	George Sumner Snowden .	Male .	George H. and Alice J. .	Laborer.
" 20 .	Alice Florence Brown .	Female .	Herbert M. and M. Florence .	Tinsmith.
" 28 .	Annie Dempsey .	Female .	William and Anna M. .	Shoemaker.
" 29 .	Mabel Elms .	Female .	Jason O. and Ann .	Poultry-dealer.
" 30 .	Ralph Emory Smith .	Male .	Emory B. and Mary E. .	Counsellor.
May 4 .	James Choate Loubard .	Male .	James N. and Anna P. .	Picture-dealer.
" 6 .	Sadie Alice Noyes .	Female .	Patrick H. and Mary A. .	Currier.
" 10 .	Ethel Bartlett Mayall .	Female .	George W. and Lydia C. .	Book-keeper.
" 12 .	John George McConnell .	Male .	John G. and Bertha .	Engraver.
" 19 .	Henry Louis Clark Baldwin .	Male .	Charles D. and Elizabeth .	Baker.
" 22 .	Ina Geneva Richardson .	Female .	Lewis H. and Angelina F. .	Laborer.
" 24 .	Eliza Collins .	Female .	Dennis and Eliza J. .	Bookbinder.
" 26 .	Cora Dolby Ford .	Female .	Arthur E. and Mary J. .	Bookbinder.
" 29 .	Mary Emily Holmes .	Female .	Albert D. and Lizzie J. .	Merchant.
" 30 .	Ralph Waldo Smith .	Male .	William R. and Elizabeth A. .	Confectioner.
" 31 .	Annie Marguerite Moorhouse .	Female .	S. Woodbridge and Isabel .	Commission merchant.
June 1 .	Roger Williams Potter * .	Male .	Arthur R. and Ella A. .	Collector.
" 14 .	James Francis Rorke .	Male .	John and Ann .	Shoemaker.
" 19 .	Levi Martin .	Male .	Jeremiah and Sarah E. .	Shoemaker.
" 26 .	— Parker .	Female .	Albon W. and S. Carrie .	Painter.
" 26 .	William Avery Howard .	Male .	Charles H. and Maggie T. .	Wood-turner.

July 23 .	Kendall Brooks Harris	Male	Robert M. and Eloise D.	Agent.
" 28 .	John William Creeden .	Male	Timothy and Joanna	Laborer.
" 29 .	Agnes Griffin	Female.	Bryam and Bridget	Laborer.
Aug. 2 .	Lilla Florence Ballou *	Female.	Henry E. and Abbie M.	Dentist.
" 4 .	Ralph Edward Carlisle.	Male	Edward A. and Ida F..	Book-keeper.
" 5 .	Carrie Albertha Stevens	Female.	Albert H. and Fauny M.	Shoemaker.
" 6 .	Bertha Withrow Leighton	Female.	Leonard S. and Mary H.	Book-keeper.
" 14 .	Gertrude Foster Moore	Female.	Eugene H. and Annie L.	Farmer.
" 15 .	Charles Arthur Geist	Male	Justus and Mary	Florist.
" 20 .	Hollis Haskell Sargent.	Male	Edwin N. and Rubie S.	Carpenter.
" 23 .	Paul Leroy Barrett	Male	Willie A. and Emma W.	Engineer.
" 24 .	Marion Carleton	Female.	S. Augustus and Annie F.	Hatter.
" 25 .	Emmie Emily Stewart	Female.	William H. and Emily	Carpenter.
" 25 .	Victor Edward Kirmes.	Male	Victor C. and Hannah M.	Clerk.
" 26 .	— Upham	Male	W. H. Winthrop and Josephine A.	Bookbinder.
" 28 .	Ella Gertrude Hopkins.	Female.	Lewis T. and Hattie E.	Book-keeper.
" 29 .	Johanna McLaughlin	Female.	John and Mary	Laborer.
Sept. 1 .	Augustus G. Ames	Male	Benjamin and Lucy J..	Carpenter.
" 15 .	George Ernest Thompson	Male	George A. and Isabel	Shoemaker.
" 15 .	Carlisle Maxwell Carpenter	Male	Maxwell and Mattie H.	Shoemaker.
" 19 .	— Twitchell	Female.	Maynard and Mary A..	Carpenter.
" 22 .	— Brown	Male	Henry and Nellie M..	Salesman.
" 23 .	Lena Trowbridge.	Female.	Charles H. and Georgietta	Painter.
" 25 .	Laura Worth	Female.	Henry W. and Hannah L.	Shoemaker.
" 26 .	William Bary	Male	Royal P. and Eleanor M.	Merchant.
Oct. 5 .	Ruth Amber Parker	Female.	David O. and Serena	Butcher.
" 6 .	Maud DeHaven Howard	Female.	Frank G. and Carrie W.	Clerk.
" 8 .	— Brown	Male	Joel W. and Ellen O..	Machinist.
" 14 .	Robert Abbott Perkins*	Male	Edwin C. and Belle M.	Clerk.
" 15 .	James Edward Colter *	Male	James F. and Minnie Holmes	Waiter.
" 25 .	Charles Augustus Grover	Male	George W. and Arianna	Laborer.

* Born elsewhere.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1879 — CONCLUDED.

Date.	Name.	Sex.	Names of Parents.	Occupation of Father.
Oct. 30 .	Alta Ethel Lynde .	Female .	Henry and Sarah A. .	Farmer.
Nov. 6 .	— Howes .	Male .	Solomon L. and Mary J. .	Tinsmith.
" 7 .	Marion Houghton Dutton .	Female .	Harry and Alice M. .	Merchant.
" 8 .	Llewellyn Leon Perry .	Male .	George W. and Mary J. .	Steam-fitter.
" 9 .	— Reagh .	Female .	Charles T. and Grace E. .	Electrotyping.
" 14 .	— Double .	Female .	George E. and Hattie M. .	Book-keeper.
" 14 .	Alice May Kyle .	Female .	James D. and Helen L. .	Baker.
" 17 .	George Stanley Morse .	Male .	George L. and Sarah E. .	Merchant.
" 20 .	Emma Storer Welden .	Female .	Obed B. and Nellie L. .	Salesman.
" 21 .	— Sache .	Male .	William C. and Marion E. .	Broker.
" 21 .	Allen Jones Harris .	Male .	Gilbert N. and Celinda S. .	Counsellor.
" 27 .	Alfred Coleman Simpson .	Male .	Charles H. and Emily C. .	Carpenter.
Dec. 2 .	Mary Goggin .	Female .	John and Barbara .	Laborer.
" 2 .	Lizzie Frances Currier .	Female .	John K. and Lillie .	Tailor.
" 7 .	Nathaniel Owen McCrillis .	Male .	J. Walter and Louise .	Book-keeper.
" 10 .	— Snow .	Female .	Eugene A. and Susan A. .	Custom-house broker.
" 11 .	— Zaphy .	Female .	John C. and Mary E. .	Cabinet-maker.
" 27 .	— Rich .	Female .	Walter H. and Annie M. .	Salt-sman.
" 30 .	— Johnson .	Female .	Luther N. and Ella W. .	Salesman.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

OUR records for the past year show but few fires and small losses.

The Department, when called upon, has responded promptly ; and it is largely due to that fact, and the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties, that the losses have been no greater.

We believe that few towns can boast of as good a Fire Department as ours, both as regards men, and the facilities for extinguishing fires. We have but one drawback to which we deem it our duty to call the attention of the town. With the force of water as small as it has been during the past six months, some of the best portions of our town are not protected as they should be. We refer to residences on the more elevated places, where hydrant-streams are practically useless. Our only reliance at such times is the old "Endeavor" hand-engine, a machine which has done good service in the past, and which we cannot now afford to wholly abandon.

The carriages, hose, and equipments are in good condition. An examination of the different houses will convince our citizens that the property committed to the Department is well cared for, and that the companies take pride in keeping the same in good order.

The house occupied by the Russell Hose Company should be re-shingled ; and, for the proper care of the hose, alterations must be made in the tower.

A list of fire losses is appended below.

For the repairs mentioned and the running expenses, we ask an appropriation of \$2,000.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. THOMAS.

L. F. HINCKLEY.

F. E. HOWE.

FIRES.

					Loss.
Feb.	1.	Planing-mill, J. C. Ingalls	.	.	\$900 00
Feb.	21.	Dwelling-house, Mrs. Lans	.	.	30 00
March	28.	Dwelling-house, William J. Farnsworth	.	.	2 00
April	24.	Barn, John Hawkins	.	.	300 00
May	23.	Dwelling-house, Henry Woods	.	.	350 00
June	19.	Dwelling-house, George L. Hemmenway	.	.	450 00
July	5.	Barn, Thomas Keating	.	.	150 00
Oct.	15.	Coal-shed, Johnathan Barrett	.	.	40 00
Nov.	6.	Barn, Upham Brothers	.	.	75 00

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR 1879.

Number of inhabitants	4,365
of children five to fifteen years of age	840
of dwellings	1,002
of horses	263
of cows	171
of dogs	229
of acres of land taxed, about	2,700
Value of real estate	\$3,340,250 00
of personal estate	326,093 00
Total valuation	<u>\$3,666,343 00</u>
Rate of taxation, \$15 per \$1,000.	
Amount of appropriations	\$51,861 55
of State tax	1,190 00
of county tax	1,719 22
of overlay	2,630 37
	<u>\$57,401 14</u>
Number of polls, 1,203.	
Amount of tax on polls	\$2,406 00
of tax on personal estate	4,891 39
of tax on real estate	50,103 75
	<u>\$57,401 14</u>
Amount of warrant committed to collector	\$57,401 14
Additional assessments	396 00
Additional assessments, women	97 05
	<u>\$57,894 19</u>

ABATEMENTS, 1879.

29. Barrett, Charles (estate).	\$7 25
39. Boardman, George F.	2 25
102. Cutler, Mrs. Abigail	6 13
109. Cobb, Mrs. H. L.	9 00
	<u>\$24 63</u>
Amount carried forward	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$24 63
110. Crocker, George W. (estate)	.	.	.	.	.	.	46 12
135. Clark, Asaph	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
143. Clinkard, Mrs. C. W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 12
157. Dean, Mrs. Sarah A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
176. Eastman, Mrs. S. E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
227. Fiske, Mrs. Samuel	.	.	.	.	.	.	26 63
244. Gallagher, Mrs. Kate	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 13
280. Hurley, John (estate)	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 10
306. Howard, Mrs. M. E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 62
326. Jacobs, Mrs. G. C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
367. Lynde, Miss Sarah	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
377. Leonard, Lawrence	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
388. Leland, C. M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
423. McLaughlin, Mrs. Rachael	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 38
433. Miles, Levi (estate)	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
493. Pratt, Mrs. Achsah	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 87
505. Phillips, Mrs. Olivia	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 25
572. Stackpole, Joanna M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 75
603. Sewall, S. E. (trustee)	.	.	.	.	.	.	22 50
613. Twombly, Mrs. S. S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
616. Terry, Robert H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
635. Vinton, Mrs. Mary G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 87
670. Wilson, Mrs. Nancy U.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19 88
676. Woodward, Mrs. Elizabeth	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
686. Wheeler, Mrs. Mary A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 37
747. Bliss, Willie I.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
839. Dennis & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 25
963. Holbrook & Lafreniere	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
990. Hyde, George S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,022. Jacobs, George H. O.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,028. Jeffts, Eben G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,146. Merrill, D. Newman	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,225. Ripley, Marcus P.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,269. Stones, Benjamin	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,308. Simonds, Thomas F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
1,369. Wheeler, James L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
1,453. Butler, Mrs. Z.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 50
1,493. Clapp, Benjamin, & Co.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$306 72

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$306 72
1,560. Green, Mrs. Peter	1 12
1,647. Marshall, Mrs. L.	2 75
1,670. O'Riley, Mrs. Mary A.	7 50
1,761. Trafton, Otis F.	3 25
1,763. Tudor Ice Company	30 00
1,773. Whitney, Mrs. Hiram	19 75
1,795. Wilson, Mrs. Nancy S.	5 50
	\$376 59

Net amount Jan. 1, 1880 \$57,517 60

GEO. C. STANTIAL,
JAS. C. CURRIER,
DEXTER PRATT,
Assessors of Melrose for 1879.

FOR 1878.

Amount of Collector's book	\$50,516 43
Additional assessments in 1878	582 98
Additional assessments in 1879	300 25
	\$51,399 66
Abatements in 1878, as per last report	612 96
	\$50,786 70

ABATEMENTS FOR 1878 DURING 1879.

Avery, Mrs. H. A.	\$7 62
Boynton, J. E.	2 00
Brooks, A. H. (re-assessed)	27 90
Barry, Mrs. Eliza (twice taxed)	21 60
Bragdon, E. A. (twice taxed)	21 00
Clinkard, Mrs. C.	6 54
Cleaveland, E. R., jun.	2 00
Dennis, Charles	2 40
Downes, Sophia	3 70
Edmonds, Charles H. (re-assessed)	48 60
Erickson, H. (twice taxed)	27 00
Green, Elbridge (re-assessed)	60 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$230 36

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$230 36
Grover, George	2 00
Grubb, John, heirs (twice taxed)	26 10
Hunt, Mrs. N. K.	7 50
Hunt, Charles F. (re-assessed)	4 32
Howard, Cynthia (heirs)	6 00
Locke, William	2 00
Littlefield, Fred D.	2 00
Morgan, Miss C.	6 16
Newhall, George (re-assessed)	2 43
Noyes, F. J.	60
O'Riley, Mrs. Mary A.	6 00
Paulette, Henry	2 00
Roe, Mrs. Ai (estate)	3 00
Robinson, Lucius	4 62
Simonds, J. W.	2 00
Stevens, Harry	1 80
Stevens, Mrs. S. E.	6 00
Sargent, Mrs. W. P.	5 00
Stevens & Dennis	6 00
Stevens, Mrs. C. A.	6 00
Skelton, E. O.	42 20
Swan, Thomas (re-assessed)	22 10
Tisdale, Maynard	2 00
Tisdale, William	2 00
Terwilleger, L. T.	3 00
Whitney, J. L. (re-assessed)	18 80
Waite, Pelatiah	3 00
Woodward, George (twice taxed)	53 78
Wiley, N. C.	2 00
Young, E. H.	4 20
Earle, Louis	1 60
Fenno, J., & Blake	14 10
French, Dr. Nathan (re-assessed)	39 90
Grundy, William	3 30
Kittredge, Alvah (heirs)	1 50
Lans, Mrs. G. A. (estate)	36
Lans, Mrs. G. A.	3 10

Amount carried forward \$548 83

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$548 83
Parson, S., & Mrs. Jones	18 00
Rowe & Perkins (twice taxed)	32 58
Wilson, Mrs. Nancy S.	6 57
Powers, Michael	30 62
Ellis, William.	2 00
Amory, Francis	1 20
Armington, A. H.	2 00
Stevens, Manson	2 24
Leslie, L. N.	2 00
Jeffts, Eben G.	2 00
Tuttle, James E.	2 00
Terry, Henry R.	2 00
Buffum, C. R. P.	2 00
Bliss, J. W	2 00
Barrelle, Rev. A.	2 00
Curry, Louis	2 00
Connell, John	2 00
Creamer, H. B.	2 00
Cutter, J. B.	2 00
Campbell, John	2 00
Downes, Albert	2 00
Drew, Patrick	2 00
Donnavan, William	2 00
Edwards, Charles H.	2 00
Ferguson, —	2 00
Flanders, Bryon	2 00
Finger, Louis	2 00
Fitzpatrick, John	2 00
Fall, W. A.	2 00
Fitzhenry, Edward	2 00
Fernald, L.	3 80
Forbes, George	2 00
Grover, George W., 2d	2 00
Harris, C. G.	2 00
Hall, George	2 00
Hyde, George S.	2 00
Hart, P. D.	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$703 84

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$703 84
Johnson, John, 2d	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 12
Keyes, James D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Killian, James	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Lynde, George	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Mann, Charles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Morcomb, Peter	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Polk, C. W. B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 40
Poole, J. M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 60
Pratt, Nathan	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Phillips, Frank	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Richardson, H. C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 60
Russ, Gerry	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Simonds, H. F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Sweet, Charles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Sanborn, Charles	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Sweeney, Patrick	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Spear, William	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Wilder, Charles B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Webb, William	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
York, Josiah	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Grundy, Joseph, jun.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Chandler, Edward	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Hoffman, Christian	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	48
								\$770 04
Net amount Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$50,016 66

GEO. C. STANTIAL,
 JAS. C. CURRIER,
 DEXTER PRATT,
Assessors of Melrose for 1879.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1878.

Amount of warrant	\$50,451 62
Add excess on tax list	64 81
Amount of Collector's book	\$50,516 43
Additional assessments in 1878	582 98
	\$51,099 41
Abatements, as per report of 1878	612 96
	\$50,486 45
Interest collected to Jan. 1, 1879	23 81
	\$50,510 26
Paid Treasurer, as per report of 1878	29,234 91
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1879	\$21,275 35
Additional assessments in 1879	300 25
	\$21,575 60
Abatements in 1879 (see Assessors' report)	770 04
	\$20,805 56
Interest collected to Jan. 1, 1880	814 37
	\$21,619 93
Paid Treasurer in 1879	20,500 80
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1880	\$1,119 13

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1879.

Amount of warrant and Collector's book as received	
from the Assessors	\$57,401 14
Additional assessments	396 00
Additional assessments, women	97 05
	\$57,894 19
Abatements (see Assessors' report)	376 59
	\$57,517 60
Interest collected to Jan. 1, 1880	50 03
	\$57,567 63
Paid Treasurer	32,453 09
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1880	\$25,114 54

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. JONES, *Collector.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JAN. 1, 1880.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Alonzo G. Whitman, High School, one year	\$1,500 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, High School, one year	750 00	
Frances M. Henshaw, High School, one year	500 00	
		\$2,750 00
Marie H. Friend, First Grammar, eight weeks	\$130 00	
Marie H. Friend, First Grammar, ten weeks, two days	180 00	
Caroline E. Southwick, First Grammar, eight weeks	80 00	
Caroline E. Southwick, First Grammar, ten weeks	118 75	
Caroline E. Southwick, First Grammar, twenty-two weeks	330 00	
Lydia C. Nye, First Grammar, twenty-two weeks	247 50	
		1,086 25
Lucy W. Bisbee, Second Grammar, Emerson Street, one year	550 00	
Julia M. Porter, Second Grammar, Centre, one year	550 00	
Susan D. Melcher, Third Grammar, Emerson Street, two months	\$100 00	
Susan D. Melcher, Third Grammar, Emerson Street, eight months	424 00	
		524 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$5,460 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$5,460 25
Emma M. Cate, Third Grammar, Centre, two months	\$100 00	
Emma M. Cate, Third Grammar, Centre, eight months	424 00	
		524 00
Chastine Emerson, Intermediate Centre, one year		450 00
Alice H. Long, Intermediate, Vinton Street, one year,		400 00
Kate W. Bascom, Intermediate, Lynde Street, one year,		400 00
Lydia Mendum, Upper School, Green Street, two months	\$90 00	
Lydia Mendum, Upper School, Green Street, eight months	384 00	
		474 00
Clara I. Nichols, Lower School, Green Street, one month	\$36 00	
Clara I. Nichols, Lower School, Green Street, nine months	360 00	
		396 00
Myra B. Whitney, Mixed School, Highlands, one year,		400 00
M. W. Bachelder, Mixed School, Upham Street, one year		400 00
Mary M. Gilman, Primary, Lynde Street, one year		450 00
Hannah F. Lewis, Primary, Vinton Street, two months	\$80 00	
Hannah F. Lewis, Primary, Vinton Street, eight months	360 00	
		440 00
Florence B. Howland, Primary, Centre, one year		400 00
Mrs. G. N. Bordman, music-teacher, six months	\$165 00	
C. E. Whiting, music-teacher, four months,	110 00	
		275 00
		\$10,469 25

JANITORS' SALARIES.

Augustus Durant	\$275 00
W. Truman Howard	168 25
Benjamin Stones	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$543 25

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$543 25
Joseph W. Sinonds	.	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
William F. Serrat	.	.	.	.	.	.	95 75
John Singer	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
Eri Upham	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
							\$839 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SALARIES.

1878-79.

Royal P. Barry, Chairman	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$75 00
Moses S. Page	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
Lafayette Burr	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
Everett W. Burdett	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
Phoebe A. Norris	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
Ann M. Kunhardt	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
							\$325 00

FUEL.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$494 50
J. McCarthy, charcoal	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 83
							\$511 33

RECAPITULATION.

SALARIES.

Teachers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$10,469 25
Janitors	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	839 00
Committee	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	325 00
								\$11,633 25
Fuel	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	511 33
								\$12,144 58

CONTRA.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	\$12,500 00	
Balance from last year	.	.	.	.	1,858 76	
Received from State	.	.	.	.	180 43	
Received from Charles Toppan for tuition of daughter in High School	.	.	.	.	25 00	
					\$14,564 19	
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	.	.	2,419 61
						\$14,564 19

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation \$1,700 00

EXPENDED.

C. A. Eastman, books and stationery	\$70 36
Willard Small, books	60 60
E. Prang & Co., manuals, &c.	26 43
Ginn & Heath, music-charts and easel	29 80
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	26 25
M. B. Hopkins, ribbons	4 40
Lee & Shepard, books	2 97
N. E. School Furnishing Co., kindergarten goods, &c.	37 75
Thomas Groom & Co., paper	3 90
M. R. Warren & Co., paper	5 50
Knight, Adams, & Co., paper	3 25
Hooper, Lewis, & Co., pens	18 75
Maynard & Noyes, ink	16 00
Babb & Stephens, printing programmes	14 00
L. B. Wilder & Co., printing extra reports	15 00
T. W. Ripley, printing cards, &c.	13 00
R. P. Haines, blanks	1 25
P. D. Meston, binding books	11 00
J. L. Hammett, sundries, rewards, charts, crayons, &c.	32 30
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture, desks, and pedestals	71 25
Lawrence Wilde & Co., chairs	3 00
Braman, Souther, & Co., table and hassocks	9 00
S. P. Rowell, repairing furniture	6 65
R. P. Barry, supplies furnished	8 25
M. S. Page, supplies furnished	1 77
Kate Gallagher, cleaning rooms, High-school building	30 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	6 69
James Worthen, sundries	5 25
L. W. Gilman, sundries	6 05
John Singer, jun., sundries	4 25
W. H. Wells, sundries	2 15
B. O. & G. C. Wilson, disinfectants	4 05
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$550 87</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$550 87
Orne Upham, wood	3 13
M. F. Eastman, expressing	8 55
Henry Barron, expressing	2 50
R. A. Freeman, carting settees	18 50
Walter B. Ellis, 270½ square yards concrete walks	91 96
Walter B. Ellis, labor	3 00
Joel Atwood, carpenter-work, stock, &c.	178 04
A. E. Upham, carpenter-work	1 00
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	49 11
Densmore & Brackett, doors and windows	14 50
Samuel Ellison, mason-work	80 00
J. C. Howes, repairing furnaces, stoves, and water-pipes	215 07
Holbrook & Lafreniere, plumbing	6 80
George W. Dew, painting buildings, graining, &c.	145 00
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting buildings, glazing, &c.	90 80
Albon W. Parker, painting buildings, glazing, &c.	68 60
Mitchell & Vanbuskirk, iron-work	50
Thomas Ireland, cleaning clock	2 00
Joseph Holbrook, repairing and cleaning clocks	3 50
C. E. Keith, tuning and repairing piano	4 00
S. L. Walton, moving seats	3 50
James Fleming, labor	2 00
Benjamin Stones, labor	5 00
John Singer, repairs	2 25
H. W. Cushman, truant-officer, services 41½ hours	10 37
	\$1,560 55
Balance unexpended	139 45
	\$1,700 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, &c.

Bugbee & Barrett, groceries and provisions	\$323 28
L. F. Hinckley, groceries and provisions	212 45
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$535 73

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	\$535 73
William H. Wells, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	285 21
L. W. Gilman, groceries and provisions	.	.	.	.	.	165 81
T. J. Kimball, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	59 04
M. C. Trow, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	76 09
James Worthen, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	119 50
C. S. Dennis & Co., provisions	.	.	.	.	.	13 41
C. F. Shute, milk	.	.	.	.	.	21 63
S. H. Nowell, milk	.	.	.	.	.	13 13
G. R. White, milk	.	.	.	.	.	10 79
Michael Fleming, milk	.	.	.	.	.	2 80
B. R. Upham, supplies, including rent	.	.	.	.	.	64 70
W. J. Farnsworth, supplies, including rent	.	.	.	.	.	72 00
S. A. Stevens, supplies, including rent	.	.	.	.	.	104 00
N. D. Blake, cash paid Stephen Hyde	.	.	.	.	.	51 50
Daniel Norton, jun., cash paid Stephen Hyde	.	.	.	.	.	45 00
						\$1,640 34

Fuel.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	.	.	.	.	.	\$193 25
Robert Philpot, wood and coal	.	.	.	.	.	28 25
James Marshall, wood and coal	.	.	.	.	.	66 42
						\$287 92

Medical Attendance, Medicine, Nursing Sick, &c.

J. Richmond Barss, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	\$51 00
G. B. Langmaid, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	18 50
J. S. Clark, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	26 50
J. Vincent Smith, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	55 00
J. Heber Smith, M.D.	.	.	.	.	.	21 00
John Larrabee, medicines	.	.	.	.	.	33 10
P. M. Dewolfe, medicines	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
Jeremiah Casey, care of H. Kramer	.	.	.	.	.	40 50
Mrs. Sanborn, care of Mrs. Jefts	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
N. Q. Bachelder, care of George Lynde	.	.	.	.	.	242 00
Mary E. Cushman, care of George Lynde	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
						\$498 85

Burial Expenses.

Ansel B. Pierce, burial E. Fitzhenry	\$25 50
Nathaniel Howard, burial Charles A. Grover	8 50
	\$34 00

For Support of Insane Persons.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital	\$275 19
Asylum Chronic Insane	359 01
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	59 15
A. B. Pierce, services and expenses removing persons . .	12 10
H. B. Newhall, services	2 00
John Gately, services	10 00
	\$717 45

For Relief of Persons out of Town.

City of Boston	\$55 91
City of Somerville	106 30
Town of Stoneham	24 87
Town of Woburn	103 61
Town of Watertown	15 82
Town of Malden	300 75
J. P. Murphy, guardian A. M. Kelly, supplies, rent, &c. .	246 29
J. B. Kimball & Son, supplies to Charles Howard . .	15 00
John S. Hill, supplies to Charles Howard	15 00
W. L. Prouty, supplies to Charles Howard	180 00
D. W. Fitzgerald, coal delivered to Charles Howard . .	9 50
	\$1,073 05

For Rents.

Estate S. A. Lynde, 13 months, H. F. Simonds	\$65 00
Estate S. A. Lynde, 3 months, G. A. Palmer	15 00
Thomas Mahan, 1 year, Mrs. Fitzhenry	72 00
M. J. Ellis, 1 year, Mrs. Sanborn	96 00
Patrick Murphy, 13 months, Henry Kramer	58 50
Jeremiah Crowley, 5 months, Mrs. Connell	25 00
John Warren, 5 months, J. Callahan	25 00
Mary Henney, 1 year, Ellen McCarty	60 00
John W. Cobb, 9 months, R. H. Terry	36 00
Amount carried forward	\$452 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$452 50
John Gately, 9 months, William Dutton	58 50
A. B. Rogers, 3 months, William Dutton	10 50
Dexter Bryant, 6 months, Edward Moore	30 00
A. W. Lynde, 2 months, Mrs. Stinson	4 00
	\$555 50

Board and Clothing.

Abbie Barter, board of Mrs. L. G. Davis and child, 53 weeks	\$159 00
Abbie Barter, board of Marietta E. Waitt, 53 weeks	212 00
Abbie Barter, clothing for Marietta E. Waitt	4 25
Abbie Barter, board of Kelly child, 17 weeks	34 00
Samuel Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 3 months	27 00
Samuel Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 9 months	99 00
Ellen Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 56 weeks and 3 days	141 08
Boston Children's Friend Society, board of child, 31 weeks,	62 00
Florence E. Upham, board of child, 19 weeks	57 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for child	10 20
J. W. Simonds, board of Abigail Connor, 1 year	156 00
J. W. Simonds, clothing for Abigail Connor	2 00
Stephen J. Haraden, board of Abby G. Fuller, 23 weeks,	46 00
	\$1,009 53

Sundries.

George Newhall, boots, shoes, and rubbers	\$45 80
R. A. Freeman, carting furniture	2 00
Henry Barron, expressing	75
J. P. Baker, printing	4 00
S. L. Walton, meals to tramps	4 50
S. F. Barrett, railroad-tickets to travellers	2 50
J. C. Howes, repairing stoves	5 95
Mrs. M. B. Hopkins, dry goods	2 00
C. G. Harris, dry goods	4 91
H. B. Newhall, services	2 00
H. G. Fields, expenses	20 71
	\$95 12

Recapitulation.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, &c.		\$1,640 34
Fuel		287 92
Medical attendance, nurses, &c.		498 85
Burial expenses		34 00
Support of insane		717 45
Outside relief		1,073 05
Rents		555 50
Board and clothing		1,009 53
Sundries		95 12
		\$5,911 76

CONTRA.

Appropriation		\$4,000 00
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RECEIPTS.

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts		\$251 59
city of Boston		214 75
city of Fitchburg		50 00
town of Malden		439 75
town of Medford		42 25
town of Norton		31 00
estate of P. R. Waitt, on account of burial expenses,		38 03
H. G. Fields, money refunded by persons assisted .		57 00
		\$5,124 37
Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts		787 39
		\$5,911 76

The following claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department:—

From State of Massachusetts		\$412 33
city of Boston		84 75
city of Somerville		69 00
town of Malden		167 50
town of Falmouth		18 00
town of Beverly		17 50
town of Stoneham		46 40
		\$815 48

RELIEF FOR SOLDIERS, OR FOR HEADSTONES.

Appropriation 1878	\$200 00
Paid on orders of H. G. Fields, to commander Post No. 4, G.A.R.	\$200 00

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Balance from last year	250 49

RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses:—

Moses Briggs	2 00
John R. Jones	2 00
George Stockwell	2 00
use of lock-up	50

 \$1,056 99

EXPENDED.

L. B. Wilder & Co., printing annual reports 1878	\$239 40
J. P. Baker, printing warrants, notices, &c.	19 00
Babb & Stephens, printing orders	8 25
Reynolds & Dunton, printing voting-lists, war- rants, and notices	27 84
A. B. Pierce, distributing warrants and serving notices	45 00
H. B. Newhall, posting notices	1 00
Frank A. Grover, posting notices	50
Nelson Cochran, surveying sidewalks, crossings, &c.	19 50
Frank E. Orcutt, services on Collector's books, 1875, 1876, and 1877	25 00

Amount carried forward \$385 49

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$308 49	
Lyman Haskell, police-badges	3 75	
I. C. Dowling, repairing flag	1 10	
J. P. Baker, advertising Assessors' notice	2 00	
J. P. Baker, printing tax-bills	10 00	
T. W. Ripley, printing schedules and tax-bills	17 25	
T. W. Ripley, printing for Collector	4 50	
A. W. Haskell, Collector's book	3 50	
Hooper, Lewis, & Co., book for Assessors	4 50	
S. E. Eastman, stamps for Assessors	6 00	
J. R. Simonds, binding valuation-books	3 00	
John Larrabee, services, preparing Annual Report	30 00	
John Larrabee, expense, postage, stationery, &c.	8 30	
John Larrabee, collecting, recording, and returning births, deaths, and marriages, 1878	61 20	
A. B. Pierce, returning 49 deaths, 1879	12 25	
Nathaniel Howard, returning 4 deaths	1 00	
Benjamin Ames, repairing fences	10 42	
Henry Barron, expressing	1 00	
M. F. Eastman, expressing	38 93	
W. B. Ellis, labor, altering walk	10 00	
George B. Sargent, repairing stamp and ribbon,	1 50	
Joseph Edwards, repairing carriage	2 25	
W. H. Pierce, repairing carriage	3 00	
George P. Fuller, sign-boards	3 00	
Mrs. N. A. Beal, expense, on sidewalk	12 38	
S. W. Nichols, building cesspool (near D. L. Taylor's)	7 00	
W. B. Ellis, filling in gravel (C. Buffum's)	12 00	
G. W. Bartlett, carriage-hire	10 00	
O. K. Stebbins, ringing bell	6 00	
S. L. Walton, ringing bell	6 00	
Samuel Lear, ringing bell	6 00	
Augustus Durant, ringing bell	6 00	
Globe Gas Light Co., lamp-post and expense resetting post	11 00	
		\$700 32
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$700 32

Amount brought forward \$700 32

Expenses Board of Health.

J. P. Baker, advertising	\$1 00	
E. A. Alden, carriage-hire	50	
G. W. Bartlett, carriage-hire	4 00	
J. Heber Smith, M.D., services	3 00	
J. Vincent Smith, M.D., services	2 00	
		10 50

Judkins' Case.

Dr. J. L. Sullivan, services	\$15 00	
Dr. Nathan French, services as referee	10 00	
Paid by order of Superior Court, Middlesex County, judgment in favor of F. W. Judkins	50 00	
Expense on above order	25	
		75 25

Bounty-Claim.

H. G. Fields, expense to Laconia, N.H.	\$15 25	
Charles A. Hackett, attorney for William H. Pearson, settlement in full	125 00	
		140 25
		\$926 32
Balance unexpended		130 67
		\$1,056 99

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,200 00
Appropriation for new hose	400 00
Balance from last year	442 01
Received for material sold	50
	\$3,042 51

EXPENDED.

Andrew J. Morse & Son, 600 feet hose, including coup- lings, straps, &c.	\$390 00
Engineers' services to April 1, 1879	75 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$465 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$465 00
A. E. Worthen, services as engineer, 6 months 15 days	16 25
Richard Whowell, services as engineer, 7 months	14 58
A. W. Mitchell & Co., 5 police-badges	7 50
M. F. Eastman, expressing	1 50
Henry Barron, record-book and expressing	2 00
James Boyd & Sons, straps and rivets	3 20
Hunneman & Co, spanners and ropes	4 00
	\$514 03

BIGELOW HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Services of men, 14 months, to Jan. 1, 1880	\$579 99
Steward, for services 14 months	46 67
Joseph Edwards, stock and labor, new runs	14 00
Bugbee & Barrett, 4 rubber coats	16 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	3 17
Thomas McCoubry, ironing sleds, wrenches, &c.	24 40
Philip Stevens, lettering lanterns	1 00
Edwards Brothers, double sleds, handles to fire-rakes, axe- handles, &c.	44 50
J. C. Howes, gas-shade	50
S. E. Benson, coal	4 25
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, glazing	2 00
Thomas B. Johnson, hanging door	3 00
	\$739 48

RUSSELL HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

Services of men, 14 months, to Jan. 1, 1880	\$348 33
Steward, for services 14 months	46 67
Malden and Melrose Gas-Light Company, gas	20 60
Water Commissioners, stop and box	1 75
W. T. Howard, building coal-bin	1 75
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, glazing	1 50
S. E. Benson, coal	20 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	4 54
J. C. Howes, water-pipe, labor, &c.	9 48
C. T. Stevens, repairs	1 90
Daniel Norton, jun., ensign	11 00
R. M Rand, work on engine	4 00
	\$471 52

N. D. BLAKE HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

Services of men, 14 months, to Jan. 1, 1880 . . .	\$350 00
Steward, services 14 months	46 67
L. W. Gilman, rent of room one year	150 00
Malden and Melrose Gas-Light Company, gas	12 65
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	11 50
W. A. Remick, glazing	2 00
Bugbee & Barrett, duster, oil, &c.	4 25
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting carriage	8 50
J. C. Howes, oiler	15
Thomas McCoubry, ironing sled, &c.	12 00
William Fanley, stock and labor on sled	6 76
	\$604 48

HIGHLAND HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

Services of men, 14 months, to Jan. 1, 1880 . . .	\$350 00
Steward, services 14 months	46 67
John Singer, jun., sundries	9 91
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	7 75
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	21 25
A. W. Parker, painting	75
Walter B. Ellis, concrete walk, 46½ yards	15 81
Walter B. Ellis, gravel	8 10
Samuel Lear, building coal-bin and fence	7 15
Richard Whowell, building hose-tower, as per agreement,	165 00
P. R. Ellis, grading lot	15 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sperm-oil	70
Joseph Edwards, hose-sled, rollers, &c.	6 25
Thomas McCoubry, ironing sled, &c.	12 65
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting carriage	8 50
	\$675 49

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent expenses	\$514 03
Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company	739 48
Russell Hose Company	471 52
N. D. Blake Hose Company	604 48
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$2,329 51</i>

EXPENDED UNDER DIRECTION OF WALTER B. ELLIS, *Surveyor*.

Paid to laborers for 163½ days' labor, at \$1.50 per day	\$245 22
for teams, 16 days, at \$1.25 per day	20 00
Walter B. Ellis, labor, 30½ days at \$2 per day	61 00
Walter B. Ellis for teams, 74¼ days, at \$1.25 per day	92 79
J. Oscar Lynde, 196 loads gravel, at 8 cents	15 68
Nathaniel P. Jones, 365 loads gravel, at 8 cents	29 20
Walter B. Ellis, 541 loads gravel, at 8 cents	43 28
Edwards Bros., snow-plough	4 00
J. C. Howes, stock and labor	1 60
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools, &c.	21 95
	\$534 72

Of the amount paid for labor and teams there was expended in —

	Marshall.	Fuller.	Ellis.
January	\$43 96*	—	—
February	127 13*	—	—
March	—	—	\$69 80
April	36 75	\$119 36	111 42
May	158 75	45 25	43 25
June	147 00	—	8 50
July	55 50	148 98	20 12
August	—	120 30	32 55
September	—	44 50	22 25
October	52 00	—	31 50
November	55 75	—	52 75
December	—	16 00	26 87
	\$676 84	\$494 39	\$419 01

* As Superintendent under Board of Selectmen, 1878-79.

Accounts of the Surveyors stand as follows : —

JAMES MARSHALL.

One-third of appropriation	\$666 66
Balance from last year	149 81
	\$816 47
Expended as shown	699 23
Balance	\$117 24

GEORGE P. FULLER.

One-third of appropriation	\$666 67
Expended as shown	554 32
Balance	\$112 35

WALTER B. ELLIS.

One-third of appropriation	\$666 67
Expended as shown	534 72
Balance	\$131 95

Total expenditure	\$1,788 27
Balance unexpended	361 54
	\$2,149 81

MELROSE WATER FUND.

DR.

Jan. 1, 1879, due the town for advances	\$1,898 54
Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 per cent per annum, bills on account of construction and maintenance (for a detailed statement of which, see Commis- sioners' report)	9,000 00 3,050 55
	\$13,949 09

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Appropriation for the use of the water	\$2,000 00
for maintenance	1,500 00
for deficiency construction ac- count, 1878	462 08
Received from A. Lane, Superintendent, cash at various times, water-rates collected, &c.	10,284 87
	\$14,246 95
To the credit of the account	297 86
	\$14,246 95

TOWN HALL.

No appropriation.

EXPENDED.

Samuel L. Walton, services as janitor one year . . .	\$200 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Company, gas . . .	275 80
Charles Taylor, repairs, stock, and labor . . .	185 85
S. E. Benson, 40 tons coal . . .	170 00
Braman, Souther, & Co., shades . . .	22 00
J. L. Hammett, settee arms and castings . . .	18 80
Lemuel Merrill, keys . . .	1 40
J. C. Howes, repairs, stock, and labor . . .	19 18
S. L. Walton, expense, tubes and sockets . . .	7 87
John Larrabee, disinfectants, brushes, combs, &c. . .	2 80
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries . . .	4 29
Robert Gibbons, repairing roof . . .	14 62
Story & Wilbur, slates and nails . . .	16 03
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, paint . . .	35
Henry J. Rice, pier-stones . . .	6 00
Samuel Ellison, mason-work . . .	29 62
J. P. Deering & Co., timber . . .	12 19
	\$986 80

RECEIPTS.

Melrose Savings Bank, rent one year . . .	\$50 00
Boynton meeting, 1878 . . .	25 00
Butler meeting, 1878 . . .	25 00
Hoar meeting, 1878 . . .	25 00
Talbot and Long Club, use of small room, 1878 . . .	10 00
Young Men's Republican Club, use of small room, 1878, . . .	5 00
Walking-match . . .	25 00
C. E. Keith's benefit . . .	25 00
Guy family . . .	45 00
Mrs. G. N. Bordman's concert . . .	25 00
Spaulding's Bell-Ringers . . .	25 00
<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	\$285 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$285 00
Uncle Tom's Cabin Company		25 00
Republican Committee		37 36
Melrose Lyceum, season 1879-80		200 00
		\$547 36
Expenditures exceed receipts.		439 44
		\$986 80

DRAINAGE.

Appropriation		\$400 00
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EXPENDED.

Extension of Drain from D. L. Taylor's to Brook.

Paid laborers and teams	\$34 26
Waldo Brothers, 207 feet 15-inch pipe	90 00
	\$124 26

Emerson Street, near D. L. Taylor's.

Dexter Bryant, 402 loads gravel	\$32 16
Frederick Stocker, bricks	8 85
	41 01

Ell-Pond Brook.

Paid John Keating, per agreement, for clearing brook from pond to Malden line	50 00
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Drain on Winthrop Place (so called) at the Highlands.

Paid Dexter Pratt, building culvert, &c., per agreement	25 00
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Drain on Sylvan Street, near Cemetery.

Paid Michael Kelly for labor, per agreement	20 00
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Sundry Bills.

Walter B. Ellis, making crossing	\$10 75
George P. Fuller, labor and material	26 31
<i>Amounts carried forward.</i>	\$37 06
	\$260 27

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$37 06	\$260 27
Waldo Brothers, 290 feet 10-inch pipe and one Y	50 30	
S. E. Benson, cement	3 00	
		90 36
		\$350 63
Balance unexpended		49 37
		\$400 00

DRAINAGE EMERSON STREET.

(Near Depot.)

No appropriation.		
Paid Walter B. Ellis, $5\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor		\$11 50
laborers, $40\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor		60 80
for teams, 13 days		16 25
		\$88 55

ARMORY RENT.

Received from State Treasurer, rent for one year to Jan. 1, 1880	\$600 00
Paid Henry A. Leonard $12\frac{1}{2}$ months' rent to Jan. 1, 1880,	625 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation (to include the purchase of 10 new lamps),	\$1,500 00
Balance from last year	269 57
	\$1,769 57

. EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston for lighting and care of 110 lamps, 5 months	\$671 95	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$671 95	\$1,769 57

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$671 95	\$1,769 57
Paid Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston for lighting and care of 120 lamps, 7 months	857 50	
		1,529 45
Balance unexpended		\$240 12

COUNSEL FEES.

Paid F. S. Hesseltine as follows : —

For services, arranging bill of exceptions, preparing brief, and at hearing on same before the Supreme Court, on exceptions of George William Phillips, adminis- trator, to verdict for defendant in the “Dyer Dam Case,” and in full for all services to final settlement and judgment for the town	\$100 00
expenses in above suit, printing briefs, &c.	9 50
services in action of Artemus Barrett <i>v.</i> town of Melrose,	50 00
services in action of George N. Black in Superior Court,	50 00
services in action of F. W. Judkins <i>v.</i> town of Melrose,	50 00
expenses in last-named suit	1 70
	\$261 20

INSURANCE.

Balance on hand	\$635 28
Received from Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Worcester	12 15
	\$647 43

EXPENDED.

Paid H. H. Westgate, insurance agent, for 7 policies of \$5,000 each, for 5 years, on Town- hall building	\$255 00
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$255 00
	\$647 43

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$255 00	\$647 43
Paid George M. M'Coy, insurance agent, for policies on High-school building, \$15,000 for 5 years	159 38	
		414 38
Balance unexpended		\$233 05

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

For 12 lots sold residents, at \$40 each	\$480 00
1 lot sold in 1857	35 00
4 half-lots sold residents	84 00
grass and loam sold	5 50
graves, one large and two small	20 00
small lot in public ground	20 00
From residents in exchange	30 00
non-resident, one small lot	100 00
residents on account of lots sold	60 00
	\$834 50

EXPENDED.

Thomas Marshall, labor and teams	\$117 49
Nathaniel Howard, labor	31 50
Walter B. Ellis, labor and teams	34 94
George W. Grover, jun., labor	65 25
George Gobel, labor	74 04
Thomas McCoubry, shafts for roller	3 25
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting tomb-doors	1 12
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	1 75
D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	8 50
Water Commissioners, pipe	2 67
J. C. Howes, stock and labor	6 30
George K. Paul & Co., pipe, couplings, &c.	14 55
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$361 36

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$361 36
Nelson Cochran, surveying	14 00
Frank Gibbons, labor	4 00
Michael Murray, labor	75
Patrick Kelly, sods	6 75
Justus Geist, plants	15 00
Bugbee & Barrett, hogshead	1 00
John Larrabee, services on Committee	25 00
George Newhall, services on Committee	25 00
George Newhall, making 36 deeds	18 00
	\$470 86

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES FOR TEN YEARS PAST.

	Expended.	Receipts.
1870	\$160 91	\$547 00
1871	130 50	672 00
1872	114 66	886 00
1873	293 75	779 00
1874	465 70	470 00
1875	177 50	1,290 00
1876	899 99	796 00
1877	400 58	630 00
1878	539 03	1,117 50
1879	470 86	794 50

Expended and received 14 years
previous to 1870, including pur-
chase of land for cemetery .

	11,334 33	4,443 47
Totals	\$14,987 81	\$12,425 47

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$1,530 00
Balance from last year	377 93
	\$1,907 93

EXPENDED.

Daniel Norton, jun., Selectman and Overseer of Poor	\$100 00	
Joseph F. Boyd, Selectman and Overseer of Poor	100 00	
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman Overseers of Poor	200 00	
John Larrabee, Town Clerk	175 00	
George Newhall, Treasurer	275 00	
George C. Stantial, Assessor (on account)	125 00	
James C. Currier, Assessor (on account)	125 00	
Dexter Pratt, Assessor (on account)	125 00	
John R. Norton, Auditor, 1878	15 00	
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor, 1878	15 00	
Ansel B. Pierce, one-half of one per cent on taxes collected for years 1875 and 1876	242 94	
		\$1,497 94
Balance unexpended		409 99
		\$1,907 93

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$8,000 00
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year 1878,	838 18
	\$8,838 18

EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds \$65,000, at seven per cent	\$4,550 00
on notes made to R. G. Shedd, as trustee	1,680 00
on notes to Lowell Institution for Savings	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	600 00
on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	483 52
	\$8,513 52
Balance unexpended	324 66
	\$8,838 18

POLICE.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Balance from last year	74 21
	\$274 21

EXPENDED.

Albon W. Parker, services July 4	\$2 50
George H. Robinson, " July 4	2 50
Walter B. Ellis, " July 4	5 00
Samuel L. Walton, " 44 hours	11 00
Henry B. Newhall, " 49 "	12 25
Horace W. Cushman, " 89½ "	22 37
Ansel B. Pierce, " 130 "	32 50
Ami C. Chick, " 142 "	35 50
Joseph Holbrook, " 562 "	140 50
	\$264 12
Balance unexpended	10 09
	\$274 21

STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer amount paid during year	
1878	\$1,092 00

PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING YEAR
1879.

Samuel Sprague	\$120 00
Isaac C. Dowling	120 00
George C. Buckman	120 00
William Story	120 00
George A. Tainter	120 00
Horace W. Cushman	96 00
Luzon Weeks	72 00
Joseph S. Eastman	72 00
Theodore L. Palmer, 10 months	60 00
Sara E. Stilphen	48 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$948 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$948 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Harriet N. Lynde	48 00
Angus McDonald, 10 months	30 00
Lionel D. Phillips, 4 months	24 00
James F. Ramsay, 10 months	15 00
Edward Fitzgerald, 2 months	3 00
	\$1,260 00

Of the above amount, \$518.50 was paid under the law of 1877, and \$741.50 under law of 1879, chap. 301.

MILITARY AID.

[Sums paid under provisions chap. 252, Acts of 1879.]

George S. Hyde	\$48 00
Avery B. Howard	44 00
Daniel D. Penney	15 00
Martin Shannon	7 00
George W. Grover, jun.	12 00
	\$126 00

ONE-HALF of the above amount will be reimbursed by the State.

RELIEF TO SOLDIERS.

[Sums paid under chap. 282, Acts of 1878, previous to the repeal of the law Jan. 22, 1879.]

Charles S. Jones	\$10 00
William J. Riley	8 00
George W. Grover, jun.	8 00
Daniel D. Penney	4 00
Joseph J. Wilkinson	6 00
Ede K. Chase	4 00
John W. Buttrick	2 00
Philip McMahan	9 00
John McLaughlin	4 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$55 00

In compliance with the vote of the town, concrete walks have been laid in front of the following estates :—

	Yards.
Henry Herrick, Franklin Street	46.88
Francis W. Hunt, Franklin Street	46.43
William N. Todd, Franklin Street	78.49
Josiah P. Mendum, Franklin Street	43.64
Mary E. Carleton, Franklin Street	47.16
Emma G. Snow, Franklin Street	45.86
Heirs Albert Green, Franklin Street	46.66
William H. Greenleaf, Franklin Street	48.
Town of Melrose, schoolhouse lot, Franklin Street	44.26
Town of Melrose, hose-house lot, Franklin Street	46.66
Horatio N. Perkins, corner Vinton and Franklin Streets	301.5
B. Marvin Fernald, Youle Street	58.05
George M. T. Piper, Youle Street	54.57
Marshall S. French, Youle Street	60.41
William H. Stone, Youle Street	69.10
Mrs. Betsey R. Higgins, Youle Street	70.36
Morris C. Fitch, Youle Street	72.19
Charles W. Ellison, Youle Street	28.60
George P. Reed, Youle Street	27.90
Samuel Rice, Youle Street	24.
Melbourne S. Halliday, Youle Street	139.38
Joel C. Page, corner Vinton and Youle Street	94.25
Augustus Durant, Vinton Street	38.34
Lewis C. Fernald, Vinton Street	35.08
James G. Graves, Vinton Street	39.05
Mrs. Maria E. White, Vinton Street	59.74
William Finnegan, Vinton Street	16.40
Daniel W. Gooch, Emerson and Vinton Streets	513.07
David L. Taylor, Emerson Street	241.6
Frederic Kidder, Emerson Street	70.
Carlton Buffum, Emerson Street	70.63
Milo N. Robbins, corner Emerson and Charles Streets	144.
Henry Brown, corner Emerson and Poplar Streets	125.
William L. Williams, Emerson Street	46.
James C. Currier, Emerson Street	97.75
Benjamin F. Upham, Emerson Street	63.55
A. Wilbur Lynde, Emerson Street	75.
Moses R. Burgess, Myrtle Street	40.83

	Yards.
Addison Lane, Myrtle Street	28.20
Charles A. Lerner, Myrtle Street	36.66
Stephen A. Lovejoy, Myrtle Street	28.86
William J. Farnsworth, Myrtle Street	28.75
Edwin P. Holmes, Winthrop Street	24.70
David S. Lyall, Winthrop Street	28.26
George L. Sawtelle, Vine Street	37.45
Mrs. Abby Smith, Vine Street	37.20
Mrs. Mary K. Hersey, Vine Street	34.60
Universalist Society, corner Essex and Willow Streets .	108.55
Sidney H. Buttrick, Essex Street	55.68
W. Truman Howard, Essex Street	33.
Dudley Chandler, Main Street	58.36
Mrs. M. B. Hopkins, Main Street	39.
Mrs. S. J. Larrabee, Main Street	39.75
Benjamin F. Bradbury, Main Street	72.66
Levi S. Gould, Main Street	47.
Mrs. Caroline Cox, Main Street	23.2
George A. Safford, corner Wyoming Av. and Main Street,	216.95
Walter Littlefield, Chestnut Street	157.36
Charles M. Leland, Chestnut Street	138.70
Daniel Norton, jun., Chestnut Street	79.16
Samuel S. Houghton, cor. Chestnut and Mt. Vernon Streets,	320.03
Mrs. Charles F. Bowker, Summer Street	80.97
Joseph McIntire, Lynde Street	32.70
John E. Marshall, Lynde Street	39.7
Jeremiah Crowley, Lynde Street	52.86
William A. Remick, Lynde Street	130.1
Jonathan Cochran, Lynde Street	66.
Peter McNally, Foster Street	40.
Moses Parker, Foster Street	39.33
W. Irving Ellis, Foster Street	41.28
Liberty Bigelow, Foster Street	179.66
Peter Edgerly, Cottage Street	83.33
Lafayette J. Backer, Florence Street	43.70
Marcus A. Bush, Lebanon Street	81.3
Clark B. Baldwin, Poplar Street	82.58
William E. Babb, corner Avon and Elm Streets	82.53

5,920.51

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in the treasury Jan. 13, 1879	\$1,870 69
Total receipts for the year	109,409 64
	\$111,280 33
Total disbursements for the year	109,007 59
Cash in the treasury Jan. 20, 1880	\$2,272 74

Temporary Loans.

Paid notes of previous year	\$25,000 00
Borrowed, in anticipation of taxes during the year	\$37,000 00
Of this amount has been paid	25,000 00
Outstanding	\$12,000 00

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1, 1880.

BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July	
1, 1890	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1,	
1892	50,000 00
Town-hall bonds, due Oct. 1, 1892	65,000 00
	\$215,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Notes Outstanding.

R. G. Shedd, trustee, due Dec. 1, 1880,	
interest 7 per cent	\$24,000 00
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$24,000 00 \$215,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$24,000 00	\$215,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1883, interest 6 per cent	5,000 00	
Lowell Institution for Savings, due Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent	20,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1888, interest 6 per cent	5,000 00	
		54,000 00

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Dec. 25, 1879, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for 6 months, interest $4\frac{5}{8}$ per cent	12,000 00
	\$281,000 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on account of State aid	\$1,260 00	
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of relief to soldiers	117 75	
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of military aid	63 00	
Bills due on poor account	815 48	
Uncollected taxes, 1878 and 1879	26,238 67	
Cash in treasury	2,272 74	
		30,767 64
Net debt more than assets available		\$250,232 36

Respectfully submitted.

E. and O. excepted.

GEO. NEWHALL,
Treasurer.

MELROSE, Jan. 16, 1880.

DR. GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

Jan. 13, 1879. Cash in treasury \$1,870 69

RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer:—

On account of School Fund	\$180 43	
Armory rent	600 00	
State aid	1,092 00	
Corporation tax	1,261 31	
Bank tax	518 63	
Relief to soldiers	636 00	
		4,288 37

From various sources:—

On account of Poor Fund	\$1,124 37	
School Fund	25 00	
Contingent Fund	6 50	
Fire Department	50	
Water Loan Sinking Fund, interest	39 37	
Dividend on insurance policy	12 15	
For use of Town Hall	547 36	
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1878	419 24	
For lots, graves, &c., Wyoming Cemetery	834 50	
From A. Lane, superintendent, water rates collected, &c.	10,284 87	
		13,293 86

TAXES.

From A. B. Pierce, Collector:—

Taxes for 1873	\$50 96	
1874	12 64	
1875	160 79	
1876	272 57	
1877	1,376 46	
		1,873 42

From John R. Jones, Collector:—

Taxes for 1878	\$20,500 90	
1879	32,453 09	
		52,953 99

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Received on Treasurer's notes	37,000 00	
		\$111,280 33

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE. CR.

By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows:—

School Fund	\$12,144 58
School contingent expenses	1,560 55
Contingent Fund	741 07
Poor Fund	5,895 76
Fire Department	3,005 00
Town Hall	986 80
Street-lights	1,529 45
Cemetery	470 86
Police	264 12
Town officers' salaries	1,497 94
State aid	1,260 00
Water Fund	3,050 55
Drainage	350 63
Armory rent	625 00
Soldiers' relief	117 75
Insurance	414 38
Counsel fees	261 20
Concrete sidewalks	1,003 25
Concrete crossings	202 00
Military aid	126 00
Highways	1,788 27
Drainage Emerson Street	88 55

\$37,383 71

By paid interest on Water Fund bonds	\$9,000 00
interest on notes and Town-hall bonds	8,513 52
order of Overseers of Poor	16 00
order of Trustees Public Library	619 24
Headstones for soldiers' graves	200 00
Claim of William H. Pearson	125 00
Judkins case	60 25
State tax	1,190 00
County tax	1,719 22
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking Fund	82 49
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking Fund	98 16

21,623 88

TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's notes	50,000 00
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\$109,007 59

Jan. 20, 1880. By cash in the treasury	2,272 74
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\$111,280 33

We have examined the books of the Treasurer for the year 1879, and find them correct and properly vouched. We have seen the balance, *cash on hand*, and find that amount actually in his possession.

F. E. ORCUTT,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
J. R. NORTON,		
ERNEST MENDUM,		

MELROSE, Feb. 5, 1880.

REPORT OF THE BOARD
OF
WATER COMMISSIONERS

OF THE
TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1879.



MELROSE:
REYNOLDS & DUNTON, PRINTERS.
1880.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

JOSEPH D. WILDE.

W. IRVING ELLIS.

J. R. SIMONDS.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

THE Board of Water Commissioners, in compliance with Acts of the Legislature, respectfully submit this their Tenth Annual Report, together with the report of the Superintendent, showing the condition of the works Jan. 1, 1880.

THE POND.

Notwithstanding the extreme drought of the past season, we find that the supply has been ample, and that the water was not drawn so low by sixteen inches as it was in 1865, as will be seen by referring to the report of our Superintendent, thus giving evidence that the supply is sufficient for a large increase of water-takers.

The several Water Boards of Malden, Melrose, and Medford, have joined in a petition to the Legislature for police supervision of the pond.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year as follows:—

For hydrants, Town Hall, schoolhouses, &c.	\$2,000 00
For maintenance	1,500 00

Water-takers, Jan. 1, 1880.

Families	879
Apothecaries	2
Aquariums	2
Armory	1
Barber-shops	2
Bakehouse	1
Bookbindery	1
Churches	6

Engine and hose houses	4
Fish-markets	2
Greenhouses	8
Hand-hose	264
Hydrants	84
Hennery	1
Halls	6
Livery and boarding stables	4
Manufactories	7
Ornamental fountains	13
Private stables	25
Printing-office	1
Public drinking-fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad-depots	2
Standpipes	2
Schoolhouses	7
Stores and shops	18
Truck and cart stables	15
Number of water-takers as per register 1880	952
Number of water-takers as per register 1879	938
Increase over 1879	14

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount received for Water Rates exclusively.

1870-71	\$3,909 29
1872	5,141 84
1873	6,133 88
1874	7,202 31
1875	7,882 85
1876	8,788 93
1877	8,850 45
1878	9,267 95
1879	9,717 13
Estimated income for 1880	\$9,700 00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1879 . . . \$174,551 44

Expended this year as follows :—

Pattee & Perkins, hydrants . . .	\$124 52
Boston and Maine Railroad, freight . .	7 48
Seth E. Benson, cement . . .	53 00
Bills for trenching . . .	217 35
Town of Malden, pipe . . .	293 50
J. C. Howes, labor and material . .	58 32
Bisbee & Endicott, gate-covers . . .	17 51
Osgood & Hart, iron boxes . . .	15 00
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools . .	12 43
Boston Machine Company, gates . .	60 00
Thomas Cunningham & Son, pipe . .	46 92

906 03

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1880 . . . \$175,457 47

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, 1879.

Boston Machine Company, hydrant-valves .	\$15 00
M. F. Eastman, expressing . . .	9 15
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools . .	20 46
J. P. Baker, printing notices . . .	3 50
Dexter Brothers, white lead . . .	6 00
James Worthen, sundries . . .	3 39
W. W. Boardman, use of team . . .	20 75
Town of Malden, one-third boat, &c. .	20 43
Boston Rubber Shoe Company, long boots .	4 00
Summers & Hunt, fittings . . .	46 75
Bugbee & Barrett, powder, fuse, &c. .	4 96
G. G. Nichols, stone-hammer, &c. . .	3 50
L. B. Wilder & Co., printing . . .	10 00
H. S. Ingalls, gate-box . . .	1 25
F. U. Corson, grindstone . . .	5 50
Babb & Stephens, printing . . .	11 00
Worthley & Downs, rubber mittens . .	4 00
P. R. Ellis, carting gravel . . .	17 80
Joel Atwood, work at gatehouse . . .	6 25

Amount carried forward . . . \$213 69

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$213 69	
Joseph D. Wilde, on account of services as * commissioner	*33 34	
Joseph R. Simonds, on account of services as commissioner	33 33	
W. Irving Ellis, on account of services as commissioner	33 33	
New-England News Company, blank-books,	3 00	
John Larrabee, auditing books, &c.	15 00	
Hardy & Co., window	1 35	
R. A. Freeman, teaming	11 50	
Davis & Farnum, iron bend	2 70	
Addison Lane, expense	11 53	
Dalton & Ingersoll, fittings	5 38	
Jewett & Co., service-boxes	20 00	
H. A. Leonard, cotton cloth	1 00	
Thomas Cunningham & Son, pipe	118 83	
Addison Lane, services as superintendent	900 00	
J. C. Howes, labor and material	73 27	
Bills for trenching and repairs	615 00	
George W. Bartlett, use of team	18 50	
Seth E. Benson, cement	28 70	
J. P. Deering, lumber	5 07	
		\$2,144 52

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1879.

April 1.	Coupons on \$50,000	\$1,500 00
July 1.	Coupons on \$100,000	3,000 00
Oct. 1.	Coupons on \$50,000	1,500 00

1880.

Jan. 1.	Coupons on \$100,000	3,000 00	
			9,000 00
			\$11,144 52

RECEIPTS.

Received from town for use of water	\$2,000 00
from town for maintenance	1,500 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,500 00

* Paid to the Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners.

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$3,500	00
Received from Malden for care of gatehouse,					
&c.	.	.	.	271	31
for water rents	.	.	.	9,717	13
for stock sold	.	.	.	46	97
for notices	.	.	.		60
for shutting off	.	.	.	2	00
on pipe account	.	.	.	246	86
					\$13,784 87

CONTRA.

Interest account	.	.	.	.	\$9,000	00
Expenses	.	.	.	.	2,144	52
					\$11,144	52
Due the town from this account Jan. 1, 1879,				1,436	46	
						12,580 98
Surplus for the year	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,203 89

Furniture, Stock, and Tools on Hand, Jan. 1, 1880.

Office furniture	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$200	00
Tools of all kinds	.	.	.	.	.	.	250	00
Stock	.	.	.	.	.	.	493	00
								\$943 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

MELROSE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Gentlemen,—In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith submit my Annual Report.

THE POND.

Under instructions from the joint Boards of Water Commissioners, a boat was purchased and arrangements made by the Superintendents of Malden, Melrose, and Medford, to inspect the pond and its borders three times each week, to see that there was nothing in or about the pond to affect the purity of the water.

COMPARATIVE RECORD.

Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.

1874.

Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.

1875.

Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full June 23. Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.

1876.

Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full March 25.

1877.

Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full March 15.

1878.

Lowest point, 27½ inches, Nov. 13. Pond full Jan. 15. Pond full second time Dec. 14.

1879.

Lowest point, Dec. 30. Pond full and running over at wasteway from Jan. 1 to May 20.

STREET-MAINS.

Since my last report, 988 feet of main-pipe has been laid as follows: 360 feet of four-inch pipe on Franklin Street, 196 feet of four-inch pipe on Warren Street at the Highlands, 14 feet of six-inch on Vinton Street, 310 feet of four-inch pipe on Cedar Park, and 108 feet of two-inch pipe at the west end of Emerson Street.

A portion of the four-inch pipe on Winthrop Place at the Highlands has been taken up and relaid, so as to carry it below the bottom of the culvert.

GATES.

Six gates have been added to the pipe-lines the past year; viz., one on Willow Street, two on Cedar Park, two on Poplar Street, and one on Warren Street at the Highlands. Seven boxes covering the gates have been replaced; and many of those remaining are badly decayed, and should be replaced next season. I would recommend that to some extent, at least, cast-iron boxes be substituted in place of the wooden boxes now in use. Whole number of gates now in use, 87.

HYDRANTS.

There are now 84 hydrants in use. Three have been added the past season; viz., one on new pipe on Warren Street at the Highlands, one on Winthrop Place, Highlands, and one on Vinton Street. New valves have been put into hydrants on Poplar Street and Lake Avenue. All have been repainted, and are in good condition. The hydrants set this year have been of the Pattee & Perkins make of Holyoke.

LEAKS.

The following record will show the number of leaks that have occurred, and when repaired:—

Feb. 7. — Repaired leak in four-inch pipe on Grove Street. Rust-hole. Wound in new pipe.

Feb. 13. — Repaired leak in four-inch pipe running into Youle Street. Rust-hole. Wound in new pipe.

March 3. — Repaired leak in service-pipe on Emerson Street in lead connection.

March 29. — Repaired leaks in four-inch pipe on Linwood Avenue, two places. Rusty pipe. Wound in new pipe.

April 9. — Repaired leak in branch-pipe to hydrant on Essex Street. Wound new joint.

April 12. — Repaired leak in service-pipe on Winthrop Street in lead connection.

May 12. — Repaired leak in service-pipe on Waverley Place in lead connection.

May 13. — Repaired hydrant on Lake Avenue. Put in new valve.

May 14. — Repaired four-inch gate on Essex Street.

Aug. 26. — Repaired hydrant on Poplar Street. Put in new valve.

Sept. 16. — Repaired drinking-fountain on Franklin Street.

Oct. 14. — Repaired leak in four-inch pipe on Mount Vernon Street.

Oct. 15. — Repaired leak in hydrant on Mount Vernon Street. Set new hydrant.

Oct. 28. — Repaired leak in service-pipe on Winthrop Street in lead connection.

DRINKING-FOUNTAINS.

The drinking-fountains have received the usual care and attention, and have been kept in good running order.

The fountain near the Melrose Depot has been moved a short distance, so as to be out of the line of the Tremont-street sidewalk.

SERVICE-PIPES.

Seventeen new services have been put in during the year, making a total number of 819 laid by the town since the introduction of water. Discontinued, 34; now in use, 785.

AMOUNT OF PIPE LAID SINCE LAST REPORT.

Street-Mains.

6-inch pipe on Vinton Street	14 feet
4-inch pipe on Cedar Park	310 "
4-inch pipe on Franklin Street	360 "
4-inch pipe on Warren Street	196 "
2-inch pipe on Emerson Street	108 "
	—
	988 "

Service-Pipe.

$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch from main-pipe to street-line	391
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch inside of street-line	741
	— 1,132 "
	—
Total in feet	2,120 "

STOCK AND TOOLS.

Estimated value of stock on hand	\$493 20
Tools of all kinds	250 00
	—
	\$743 20

In addition to the above, I will say that I have, with a few exceptions, personally inspected all the premises where water is used, and have collected for water rates the sum of \$9,717.13, and from other sources, \$567.74, all of which has been paid over to the Town Treasurer, according to law.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers, and the amount paid by each, together with the amounts received from other sources:—

Received from families	\$7,884 26	
stores and shops	148 00	
use of hose	825 00	
stables	390 00	
manufactories	234 00	
ornamental fountains	34 00	
halls	43 87	
churches	42 00	
railroad-depots	12 00	
greenhouses	98 00	
henneries	6 00	
		\$9,717 13
Received from town of Malden	271 31	
on pipe account	246 86	
from stock sold	46 97	
from notices and shutting off	2 60	
		567 74
		\$10,284 87

Respectfully submitted.

ADDISON LANE, *Superintendent.*

MELROSE, Jan. 28, 1880.

At the request of the Board of Water Commissioners, I have examined the accounts kept by Addison Lane as Water Registrar for the year 1879, and find the same to be correctly and carefully kept.

The total amount charged on the register for water rates is \$9,717.13, which has been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer, together with the sum of \$567.74, received for service-pipe, stock sold, &c.

JOHN LARRABEE,
Town Clerk.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.
Eleventh			255	..	.....	.....	1
Third		287	.....	..	.....	1	.....
Main	3,784	478	.....	9	2	.....	.....
Green	2,700	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....
Franklin	3,155 $\frac{1}{2}$	360	.....	3	1	.....	.....
Vinton	3,497 $\frac{1}{2}$	436	.....	6	2	1	.....
Trenton	1,233	1,331 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1	3	2	.....
Melrose		2,339 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Ashland		1,475	.....	2	.....	2	.....
Tremont		3,180	.....	2	.....	4	.....
Greenwood			324	..	.....	.....	.....
Perkins		236	.....	..	.....	1	.....
Baxter		484	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Florence		1,340 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1	.....	3	.....
Maple and Poplar		2,265 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	2	.....	3	.....
Emerson		3,977	.....	6	.....	4	.....
Youle		998 $\frac{1}{2}$	342	1	.....	1	.....
Otis			780	..	.....	.....	.....
Oakland		1,161	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Linden Place . . .			286	..	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Park		1,206 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	2	.....	2	.....
Laurel			457	..	.....	.....	.....
Cottage		1,142	193	2	.....	2	.....
Hurd		768	.....	..	.....	1	.....
Berwick		1,226 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1	.....	2	.....
Herbert		220	158 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	.....	.....	.....
Grove (West) . . .		287 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Waverley Place . .		690 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Foster		1,470 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	1	.....	3	.....
Myrtle and Lake Av..		3,170	.....	3	.....	5	.....
Winthrop		695 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	..	.....	1	.....
Vine		691	.....	..	.....	1	.....
Essex		1,437	.....	4	.....	2	.....
Willow			663	..	.....	.....	1
Short and Main . .			470 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	.....	.....	.....
Reading Hill . . .			723	..	.....	1	1
Porter		2,514 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	3	.....	1	.....
School			495	..	.....	.....	.....
Albion		222	.....	1	.....	1	.....
Pleasant			1,125	1	.....	.....	1
Winter		241	.....	..	.....	1	.....
Charles		335	.....	1	.....	.....	.....

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME — *Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.
Warren		196	....	1	....	1	....
Bellevue Avenue		100	....	..	....	....	....
Upham		3,283	....	5	....	2	....
Stevens Place			216	..	....	....	....
Lebanon		2,750	....	2	....	1	....
Grove		1,366	....	1	....	....	....
Walnut		187½	....	..	....	1	....
Lynde and Linwood		2,960	....	3	....	1	....
Sumner		701	....	2	....	1	....
Wyoming Av. (East)		1,076	....	..	....	1	....
Wyoming Av. (West)				3	....	....	....
Chestnut		572	....	..	....	....	....
Mt. Vernon		394	....	1	....	....	....
Auburn		372	....	..	....	1	....
Winthrop Place		520	....	1	....	1	....
Belmont		376	....	..	....	1	....
High		376	....	..	....	1	....
Prospect		1,026	....	1	....	1	....
Essex and Lake Av.		1,082	....	..	....	....	....
Avon		422	....	..	....	1	....
Elm		1,057	....	1	....	....	....
Howard		272	550	..	....	1	1
Upham and Dell Av.		3,488	....	..	....	2	....
East		534	....	..	....	1	....
Washington		760	....	2	....	....	....
Irving		387	....	..	....	1	....
Emerson Place			251	..	....	....	1
Seventh			288	..	....	....	1
Wastes 27 x 24		51	....	..	....	....	....
80 Plugs		80	....	..	....	....	....
Grove Street (East)	1,865	16	....	2	1	....	....
Emerson Street (East)	743½	10	....	..	1	....	....
Rowe Street			422	..	....	....	1
Totals	16,978½	61,081½	8,107	84	11	68	8

WATER RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family and less than four, one faucet only being used by all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
Where a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water-closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00

Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00

Other charges as above.

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to \$20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	2 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses . .	\$3 00
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When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath-houses	10 00

STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch	8 00
To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.	

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot-pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk’s office.”

JOSEPH D. WILDE,	} <i>Water</i> <i>Commissioners.</i>
W. IRVING ELLIS,	
J. R. SIMONDS,	

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, Treasurer, in Account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan Sinking Fund. Cr.

1878.	To cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1873 cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1877	\$3,655 00 98 16	1878. Aug. 17,	By paid for United States registered $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent bonds, — Three of \$1,000 each One of \$500 paid premium on above paid for cash-book cash on hand	\$3,500 00 170 62 50 331 60
Sept. 1, Dec. 1,					
1879. Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1,	cash received as interest on bonds	236 22			
1880. Jan. 6,	cash received from J. D. Wilde	33 34			
		<u>\$4,002 72</u>			<u>\$4,002 72</u>

Respectfully submitted.

E. and O. excepted.

GEO. NEWHALL, Treasurer, Water Loan Sinking Fund.

JAN. 17, 1880.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT.

THE Trustees of the Public Library respectfully submit their Ninth Annual Report.

We have found ourselves hampered during the entire year by the action of the town at its annual meeting in reducing by one-half the appropriation requested. The sums asked for from year to year have been such as were requisite for the proper support and maintenance of the library under judicious and economical administration. When the town has seen fit to appoint a committee to examine the various departments and their appropriations, with a view to retrenchment, your Trustees have always welcomed the opportunity to explain the library work, and the uses to which the money is put; and it may be added that no committee, after such investigation, has failed to recommend the granting of the moderate requests of the Trustees. We therefore have reason to regret that the action of the town in respect to this particular appropriation was hasty and ill considered.

For the present year we ask a considerate hearing, a critical examination of the library and its work, and such reasonable appropriation for its support as will maintain its efficiency as a part of the system of public education.

We have now one book apiece for each inhabitant of the town. One-fifth of the library is continually in circulation; and, in consequence, during this year we have been compelled to rebind, at considerable expense, one-seventh of all the books.

Col. Parker, in his talks on education, referred to the co-operation of the public schools with the Public Library; and the teachers of Melrose will do themselves credit, and their pupils a great kindness, if, in teaching geography, history, philosophy, or general literature, they keep short lists of the best books in the library for reference in connection with the lessons or topics of the term. This plan is adopted

to some extent by the professors in Harvard University in connection with its extensive library.

In the departments of history, biography, and the sciences, we need extensive additions to our shelves; and while in some sections the library is supplied with many of the best books, and is therefore fitted to rank with the larger libraries in practical benefit to this community, yet, as has been stated, your Trustees have found themselves unable to carry out plans looking to the proper development of these departments, on account of the diminished appropriation.

Many citizens complain that the library-room is so crowded that they find it a hardship to secure books: this must be the case at times for the present, until we are able to have the library kept open through the entire week. On Saturday evenings, when almost invariably, in winter and summer alike, between three hundred and four hundred and fifty persons congregate, it must necessarily crowd the room; but on Monday evenings a crowded room is a rare occurrence, and the most hurried townsman may select his books, and reach his home without tiresome delays.

In this connection the need of a reading-room, which would naturally obviate the difficulty spoken of, suggests itself. The adjoining room, originally intended for the library, and in part prepared for that purpose, still remains comparatively unused, awaiting its legitimate occupants. When the town sees fit to grant the use of this room for a reading-room, we have no doubt that papers and magazines enough to fully furnish the same would freely be contributed by the citizens. We annex the statistics for the year 1879, and a list of donations. To the donors of books, pamphlets, and papers, we extend our thanks.

DONATIONS. — *Books.*

	DONORS.
The Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown. 2 vols. Thomas Bellows Wyman	H. N. Perkins.
Catalogue of Beebe Twon Library, Wakefield . .	Trustees.
Sermons on the death of George Washington . .	Mrs. Beal.
Dedication of the Town Hall, Wayland	H. B. Braman.

Pamphlets.

Lancaster Library	1
Woburn Library	1
Cleveland Library	3
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>5</i>

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Boston Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Watertown Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Worcester Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Newton Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Chicago Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Peabody Institute Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Tufts College Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Malden Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
C. D. Bradlee	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
								14

Whole number of pamphlets now in the library, 180.

Papers.

“The Literary World” Daniel Jefferson.

STATISTICS.

Number of volumes in library Jan. 1, 1879	.	.	.	3,927
Number of volumes purchased this year	.	.	176	
Number of volumes donated this year	.	.	5	
				181
Number of volumes in library Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	4,108
Number of persons using library Jan. 1, 1879	.	.	.	2,513
Number of cards issued this year	.	.	227	
Number of cards relinquished this year	.	.	15	
				212
Number of cards using library Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	2,725
Largest number of volumes issued in one day	.	.	.	468
Smallest number of volumes issued in one day (stormy),				29
Average number of volumes issued Mondays	.	.	.	97
Average number of volumes issued Wednesdays and Saturdays	.	.	.	249
Whole number of volumes issued in March	.	.	.	3,613
Whole number of volumes issued in June	.	.	.	2,302
Whole number of volumes issued in September	.	.	.	2,273
Whole number of volumes issued in December	.	.	.	2,371
Whole number of volumes issued this year	.	.	.	30,940
Increase number of volumes issued this year	.	.	.	59

The library has been open parts of one hundred and fifty-six days; viz., Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, and Monday evenings. It has been closed once this year on a public holiday.

Five hundred and eighty-four volumes have been rebound this year, and sixty-two volumes worn out in service have been replaced.

Among the gifts we acknowledge with pleasure an engraving from Rothermel's portrait of Washington, presented by Mrs. A. F. Sumner. There have also been added to our collection lithographs of James Russell Lowell and Oliver Wendell Holmes. These are now framed and hung upon the walls, adding much to the appearance of the library.

In looking over the statistics, it may be well to compare the use made of our institution by the people with reports from other towns:—

TOWN.	Number of Volumes.	Inhabitants.	Circulation.
Watertown *	11,547	5,100	29,424
Lancaster	11,391	—	12,175
Wakefield	6,389	5,400	29,214
Stoneham	5,848	5,000	18,098
Melrose, 1878	3,927	4,100	30,855
Melrose, 1879	4,108	4,326	30,940

* Open every day and evening.

It may readily be seen, that, comparing ourselves for instance with our neighbors in Stoneham, twice as many of our citizens use the Public Library, and we have nearly twice the circulation, though we have nearly two thousand volumes less than Stoneham, about fifteen hundred less inhabitants, and a smaller appropriation for the support of the library.

The appropriations made by Stoneham in 1878 were as follows: Books, \$300; incidentals, \$250; library catalogue, \$500; and the dog tax.

1879: Books, \$300; incidentals, \$250; catalogue, \$100; a small extra appropriation for insurance; and the dog tax.

It is not proper to make comparisons, unless we take into consideration the size of the library, and the actual use made of its privileges each year.

The cost of rebinding the worn books for the current year is \$150 ; while printing, incidental expenses, and salaries of librarian and assistants, amount to \$275 more. These are the expenses, which cannot be reduced, unless you close the doors of the library.

At the present time there are a large number of books worn out in service, unfit either for circulation or rebinding. There is no money in the hands of the Trustees, and the appropriation has been exhausted. The dog tax for 1879 is not yet in the hands of the Town Treasurer, and we are therefore compelled to await with composure the arrival of March meeting.

We do not propose to create indebtedness for the town to assume ; and therefore those citizens who are constantly inquiring for books which never appear, must resolve to be patient.

The Trustees request of the town an appropriation of five hundred dollars and the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

CHARLES C. BARRY, *Secretary.*

FREDERICK KIDDER,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,		
A. A. NICHOLS,		
HANNAH LYNDE,		
CHARLES C. BARRY,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1879.



BOSTON :
REYNOLDS & DUNTON, PRINTERS.
1880.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—1879-80.

ROYAL P. BARRY, *Chairman.*
 LA FAYETTE BURR, *Secretary.*
 MOSES S. PAGE. MISS P. A. NORRIS.
 MRS. M. W. CURRIER. MRS. ANN M. KUNHARDT.
 REV. CLIFTON FLETCHER.*

* Elected July, 1879, Mr. Burr resigning.

TABLE

*Showing the Names of the Teachers, their Schools, Earliest Date of Service,
and their Present Salaries.*

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	ELECTION.	SALARIES.
High	A. G. Whitman . . .	November, 1874.	\$1,500
High	Emma A. J. Bugbee . .	November, 1874.	750
High	Frances M. Henshaw . .	March, 1878.	500
First Grammar	Caroline E. Southwick . .	September, 1877.	600
First Grammar	Lydia C. Nye . . .	May, 1879.	450
Second Grammar, Emerson St.	Lucy W. Bisbee . . .	May, 1867.	550
Second Grammar, Centre . .	Julia M. Porter . . .	May, 1868.	550
Third Grammar, Emerson St. .	Susan D. Melcher . . .	May, 1873.	530
Third Grammar, Centre . . .	Emma M. Cate . . .	October, 1869.	530
Intermediate, Centre	Chastine Emerson . . .	May, 1864.	450
Intermediate, Vinton Street .	Alice H. Long . . .	September, 1877.	400
Intermediate, Lynde Street . .	K. W. Bascom . . .	September, 1878.	400
Upper School, Green Street . .	Lydia Mendum . . .	November, 1874.	480
Lower School, Green Street . .	Clara J. Nichols . . .	September, 1878.	400
Highlands (mixed)	M. A. Whitney . . .	September, 1878.	400
Upham Street (mixed)	M. W. Batchelder . . .	September, 1878.	400
Primary, Lynde Street	M. M. Gilman . . .	May, 1863.	450
Primary, Vinton Street	Hannah F. Lewis . . .	March, 1876.	450
Primary, Centre	Florence B. Howland . .	November, 1878.	400
Music-teacher	C. E. Whiting . . .	September, 1879.	275

REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MELROSE.

Your Committee beg leave to present the following report of the condition of your public schools for the year ending Dec. 31, 1879:—

CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL BOARD.

During the first two months of the year we had the benefit of the services of Mr. E. W. Burdett as a member of the Board ; but at the annual March election Mrs. M. W. Currier was declared elected in his place. At the same time Miss Norris and Mrs. Kunhardt were re-elected, — the former for two years, and the latter for three years. At the end of the school-year we were obliged to accept the resignation of Mr. Burr, who felt compelled to withdraw, owing to pressing business duties. We suffered him to do so with great regret. At a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee held shortly afterward, Rev. Clifton Fletcher was elected to the vacant position. At the close of the year, Mrs. Currier resigned, having accepted a position which calls her away from Melrose during school-hours. Her experience on the Board, and general fitness for the position, made her services valuable to the town ; and it is to be regretted that they could not be retained. A joint meeting of the School Committee and Selectmen has been called to fill the vacancy.*

RESIGNATIONS OF TEACHERS.

The schools have been less disturbed from this cause than they were last year. In the First Grammar School we have

* At the meeting above alluded to, Mrs. Marietta W. Seaver was elected to fill the position.

lost the services of Miss Friend, the principal, who, during the year spent in that position, did good work, and made herself much beloved by parents and pupils. The only other resignation is that of Miss Lydia C. Nye, assistant in the same school, who has just left us on account of ill health.

SCHOOL-BUILDINGS.

We are able to report the condition of your buildings as better than for some years past. At the High School concrete walks have been laid in place of the old plank-walks, which had become really dangerous. During the long vacation the building was thoroughly cleansed, and the walls recolored. The Green-street and Vinton-street schoolhouses have been painted inside and outside, the fences and outbuildings repaired and painted. The Lynde-street schoolhouse has also been painted on the outside. At the Highlands concrete walks and sidewalks have been laid, and the building repaired.

NEEDED REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The Highland and Upham-street schoolhouses need painting outside and inside, and the Lynde-street needs painting or graining on the inside. This being done, all the school-buildings will be in a state of quite thorough repair. We beg to call your attention again to the fact that the grounds of the High and Centre Schools should be neatly and substantially fenced, and shade-trees planted. The expense will not be great, and it can be done the coming year as well as at any other time. We should have had it done the past year, but were restrained by the fear of exceeding your appropriation, which, indeed, we had no desire to do.

TEXT-BOOKS.

We have introduced Harper's School Geography in place of Guyot's, and Harper's Introductory in place of Mrs. Hall's "Our World." We have also introduced the Franklin Arithmetics, edited by Messrs. Walton & Seaver, in place of Eaton's. We made these changes, because the text-books introduced are,

in our opinion, undeniably better in every respect than the ones displaced. Following the custom of the past few years, we have only introduced them in the classes which were forced to buy new books by reason of their promotion. In this way the change has been made without extra expense to the parents or the town, save in a few cases, where pupils failed of promotion.

MUSIC.

At the end of the school-year, Mrs. Bordman, who has served so acceptably as music-teacher for the past five years, sent in her resignation. Knowing with what unusual enthusiasm she has pursued her vocation, and how successful she has been in arresting and engrossing the attention of the children in their lessons, we had reason to think we should find it difficult to fill her place; but we were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. C. E. Whiting, who has shown equal enthusiasm, and achieved very good results. At his suggestion we have introduced Mason's Music Reader as a regular text-book in the school course, which of course has tended to systematize the instruction, and permits a regular progression in the study of the topic as the scholar moves from grade to grade.

SCHOOL SESSION.

The plan adopted last year of continuous sessions for five days, with Saturday as a full holiday, has been continued, and meets with general approval. We believe there is no desire for a change on the part of parents, scholars, or teachers. In December a petition was received from the parents of pupils in the First Grammar School in favor of a single session; but, after a full discussion, it was voted inexpedient to grant the request. The only reason which could be advanced in favor of the change, which seemed entitled to consideration, was the imperfect light toward the close of the afternoon session on short winter days in this upper room; but, in the opinion of a majority of the Committee, the evils of the long five-hour session, which are so patent that it is hardly necessary to enumerate them, should be considered more than an offset.

It seems better on every account to have the usual interval between the sessions, during which time the large majority of the scholars can go to their homes, get a good noonday meal, and return to their afternoon tasks rested and refreshed.

It is sometimes asked, Why is not this reasoning equally applicable to the High School? And the only answer to this is: That, as the pupils become older, they have their household duties to perform; and the double session would leave little time wherein to perform them. Again: as much of the studying in this grade must be done at home, it is urged that the afternoon is better for this purpose than the evening. This may readily be admitted; but one may be permitted to doubt whether any greater harm could come to the pupils from studying evenings, than from attending dancing-parties, theatres, and other evening amusements. In other countries a young lady is not supposed to enter society before she leaves school; with us it appears to be otherwise. So far as your Chairman is concerned, he would be glad to see the double session introduced into the High School; and he has not much doubt that the health of pupils and teachers would be benefited by the change.

SALARIES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Regarding salaries of your teachers, we have made trifling additions during the past year to the salaries of but four teachers. The others remain unchanged from last year. By referring to the statistical table which precedes this report, you will be able to see at a glance the amounts paid to each, with dates of service, &c.

We must call your attention to the fact that some of our best teachers have served the past year at salaries which are only justified by "*hard times*" and "*general distress*." It must now be borne in mind that "times have improved;" the cost of living has also advanced; and some moderate advance must, in justice, be made the coming year. At the last March meeting the sum of \$12,500 was voted for salaries of teachers and janitors, and for fuel, &c., and \$1,700 for contingent expenses. We have been able to come within these appropriations. If you will

refer to last year's report, you will find this language used: "Carrying the year forward to its usual termination (March 1), it will be found that the main appropriation will be exceeded, perhaps, \$600." This being a deficiency in the future, and not apparent in the financial statement, no appropriation for meeting it was made, save that made in your appropriation of \$12,500. We are glad to say, however, that, owing to the low price paid for fuel, and also to saving in other directions, we now carry forward a balance into next year that will nearly expunge the deficiency above named.

It has been suggested, that, inasmuch as our fiscal year ends with December, it is desirable to appropriate only such sums as will be sufficient to carry our schools to Jan. 1, 1881. This, of course, involves running them on credit for the months of January and February; but, if the Treasurer sees no objection to this, we do not propose to raise any. We therefore recommend for the remainder of the fiscal year an appropriation of \$11,000, and for contingent expenses the sum of \$1,700; these sums, of course, in addition to the balances carried forward from last year.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Feeling that the best way to increase the efficiency, and raise the standard, of our public schools, was to raise them from the lowest grades, your Committee have paid particular attention during the past to the primary schools. They have been under the special care of Miss Norris and Mrs. Kunhardt.

If any criticism could have been justly passed on these schools in other years, it would be this: that the results of the three or four years' course have been hardly so great as might reasonably be expected.

We all know what wonderful progress a child makes at home in the three years just preceding his entrance into school. Hardly an hour of any day passes without his acquiring new words and phrases, and their meaning; and at four years of age he has acquired a really extensive vocabulary. Is it not equally true that the first year at school usually *arrests*, instead of ac-

celerating, this progress? and, if so, cannot the reason be found in the daily drill on the alphabet, and on syllable-spelling, &c., when the same time expended in the acquisition of new words, taught by the same methods and in the same manner as that which has been, perhaps unconsciously, practised by the mother, would, no doubt, produce happier and far greater results? However, this is not an essay on primary education. It may be gathered from what we have said, that we do not think we have arrived at perfection in this department. Nevertheless, we *do* believe that the instruction of the past year has been a great improvement on former years; and we believe another year will witness still more beneficial results. The aids of which we spoke in our last year's report have been introduced, — blocks, splints for teaching numbers, charts, kindergarten tables, additional reading-matter, &c. The children have made good progress in writing. The alphabet method of teaching reading has been discarded.

THE MIXED AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

These schools are in charge of the same teachers as last year, most of them peculiarly fitted for their positions by reason of experience and training; and the work, as a whole, has been good.

The schools at the Highlands and Green Street have been well filled, showing the crying necessity for the extra school established last year. It may be added, also, that the Centre Intermediate, under Miss Emerson, has been the largest school of any of this grade. The Lynde and Upham Street Schools have been somewhat smaller. We would be glad if every school of this grade could be limited to forty scholars.

Some supplementary reading-matter has been introduced in this grade and those above. We have also introduced Prang's "Natural History Series," with plates, &c., to further the teaching by objects. These have been distributed in schools of the grammar grade also, the intention being to change them about from one school to the other, so that the greatest benefit may result from our somewhat limited investment.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Second and Third Grammar Schools, under Miss Bisbee and Miss Porter, Miss Melcher and Miss Cate, have done the usual amount of good work. Some desire was expressed last year that Barnes's History should be introduced in place of Higginson's, this study being taken up in February by the second grammar grades; but it was deemed inexpedient to make the change. Barnes's Histories have been furnished for all the teachers' desks as reference-books.

The Third Grammar Schools have been again as large as the accommodations would permit, notwithstanding the establishment of a class of this grade at the Green-street School; and the schools of the second grade will probably be large when the new school-year begins. But these schools are all so well balanced now, that there will be no need of establishing any new ones for two or three years to come, unless the growth of the town exceeds our anticipations.

The First Grammar School, which was quite large prior to the long vacation, has since been smaller. On the resignation of Miss Friend, which occurred in May, Miss C. E. Southwick, the assistant teacher, was elected principal of the school. It gives us pleasure to say that the discipline has been perfect. Every thing has worked harmoniously and well, and we believe the results at the end of the year will be found to equal those of recent years. It is, however, the duty of your Chairman to say, that he is decidedly of the opinion that the best kind of teaching will not be had in this grade till you procure again the services of a good male teacher. It may be said here, that his opinion is not fully shared by other members of the Committee, who have had better opportunities of forming a correct judgment than he has had; but, expressly disclaiming any intention of reflecting on the present incumbent, who is as good a teacher as any who have been in the school since your Chairman has been connected with the Board, it is his belief, that, with scholars of this age, a robust treatment is necessary, — teaching that shall bring the pupils *square up to the mark*, — vigorous,

uncompromising teaching, that will expose the shirk, and bring the lazy into contempt, excite ambition, and stimulate the brain; in a word, "masculine teaching." Looking back to other years, such teaching was had under Masters Brown and Stickney, and can be had again if the town sees fit to consider this in their appropriation.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

In our last report we devoted considerable space to a careful statement of our views concerning this school, its course of study, &c. We have seen no reason to change our opinion then expressed. The course of study having been printed in the past two reports, and being practically unchanged, we refrain from laying it before you again. The school has been larger than last year, but not quite so large as we thought it would be. The maximum number attending at any one time has been one hundred. The graduating exercises were held in your Town Hall, and were, as usual, largely attended. As they were of an unusually interesting character, we have thought it not amiss to give in these pages the order of exercises; and we suggest that the custom be continued. All such details are, or will be, of value as local history, and, it may be, will stimulate some of our citizens (who are now devoting much misdirected energy to collecting Farmers' Almanacs) to preserve these Annual Reports, and hand them down to future generations.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, 1879.

"Finis Coronat Opus."

Greeting Song. — By the School.

1. ESSAY "Milton."
Arthur M. Burr.
2. ESSAY "The Gulf Stream."
Edward B. Stantial.
3. ESSAY "The Greek Religion a Prophecy of Something Higher."
Charles H. Washburn.

Chorus — "See, the Conquering Hero comes."

4. TRANSLATION "Les Aventures de Cinq Canards."
Mary Alice Jones.
5. ESSAY "Oliver Goldsmith."
Fannie M. Brooks.
6. ESSAY "Wild-Flowers of Melrose."
Louise I. Drake.

Chorus — Keller's "American Hymn."
7. ESSAY. "The Philosophy of Good Nature."
William H. Williams.
8. DECLAMATION "Salathiel to Titus."
George R. Jones.
9. ESSAY "The Eastern Question."
Edward C. Morgan.

Music — "Good-night, thou Glorious Sun!"
10. CLASS PROPHECY *Mary A. Rorke.*
11. ESSAY "The Discomforts of Travelling."
Ada E. Lowe.
12. ESSAY "Influence."
Ruth C. Stetson.
13. ESSAY "Charity."
Amy M. Stantial.
14. VALEDICTORY "Silent Cities."
Hannah J. Gibbons.

AWARDING DIPLOMAS.

Parting Song (arranged by Mrs. G. N. Bordman) — "We bid Farewell to School to-night."

Of this graduating class, Williams has entered Harvard University, accompanied by Dole, who graduated last year. Washburn has entered Amherst; Jones, Boston University. Miss Rorke and Miss Gibbons are attending the Normal School at Salem; and Miss Brooks is about to enter the same school.

At the graduation exercises of the Normal School, two of our former High-school pupils, Miss Vinton and Miss Lane, took prominent parts, — the former being the valedictorian; and we may add that we have received from Mr. Hagar special and highly valued words of commendation concerning these and other Melrose girls, students in that school.

Some suggestions were made in our last report regarding the teaching of history, civil government, &c., by means of lectures. This change, at least so far as this year's work is concerned, has been found impracticable. At the time the suggestion was made, it was hoped that Col. Drake might be induced to prepare a course of short lectures on Colonial and Revolutionary History for delivery before the High School; but up to this time other duties have claimed his attention to such an extent, that he has not been able to entertain the proposal. We have no doubt that such a course would be of great benefit to the school, and venture to hope that we may be able at some future day to carry out the plan.

The character of the school has been kept up to the usual standard of excellence. We do not propose to say any thing special in the way of commendation in this report; but within the past year it has been our privilege to look over some records which have been kept (and which should some day be published) of the names of the graduates of this High School since its beginning. This is not so many years ago, but that we can readily follow the career of each graduate; and it is gratifying to note the positions which they have taken in life, and the uniform good success that has attended their efforts.

First Class.

*ABBY ELIZABETH AVERILL.

†ABBIE M. BEMIS.

†FLORENCE M. ELLIS.

HELEN AGNES FOSTER.

MARY ALICE GOSS.

HELEN M. LEAVITT.

ANNIE P. LONG.

†MARY LYNDE.

ISABELLA PAUL.

FRANCES L. SNOW.

†ANNIE F. STILPHEN.

†ABBIE JOSEPHINE VINTON.

†EMMA A. WEEKS.

†MINNIE L. WOODMAN.

HENRY A. BOARDMAN.

†JOSEPH R. GIBBONS.

*ALBERT H. HAYWARD.

*HENRY J. HERSEY.

*MARK S. W. JEFFERSON.

Second Class.

†MARY E. BUFFUM.

HATTIE E. DAMON.

*MABEL L. GOSS.

†LILLIAN C. HALL.

*HELEN JOSEPHINE LOVEJOY.

†MARY SIMPSON.

†ANNIE M. SPRAGUE.

†ETTA D. TRAFTON.

*CHARLES L. SIMMONS.

†OTIS T. STANTIAL.

*WILLIE R. WOODBURY.

Third Class.

JENNIE B. BARRETT.	*ARTHUR W. BARRETT.
DELIA F. BURNS.	†CHARLES H. BENNETT.
†JENNIE F. CONANT.	WALLACE BRYANT.
†MERELLA J. GIBBONS.	*THOMAS S. BURR.
KATIE F. HAWKINS.	*GEORGE H. CONANT.
HATTIE MAY KEITH.	*EDWARD W. FRENTZ.
†CLARA W. LYNDE.	*C. D. JONES.
NELLIE AUGUSTA MANSFIELD.	†WILLIAM J. MCCOUBRY.
EDITH N. SPEAR.	*HENRY C. MILLER.
†HARRY L. ALDRICH.	WINFIELD P. PIERCE.

Fourth Class.

L. MAY BALDWIN.	ARTHUR D. ATWOOD.
†NELLIE E. BARRETT.	†WOODMAN BRADBURY.
†CARRIE P. BODGE.	*PERCY BRYANT.
†ALICE BROOKES.	*WALTER B. FARR.
†ALICE C. CONANT.	NORMAN J. HOPKINS.
CAROLENA B. EHLERT.	SIDNEY HOWE.
†AGNES DRAKE.	*NATHANIEL R. JONES.
†MARY E. FARR.	JAMES P. KEATING.
MINNIE L. GILMORE.	W. STEDMAN KENT.
MARY P. GOULD.	ALFRED R. LORING.
ANNIE E. GOULD.	JOHN F. MAGNER.
MARIA A. GRADY.	†GEORGE W. MYRICK.
†MARGARET A. LECRAW.	†HARRY C. OLIVER.
NELLIE L. LONG.	†FRANK E. SARGENT.
†EDITH L. LORING.	WALTER E. SMITH.
†MARION H. MORGAN.	FRED W. STANTIAL.
†BELLE P. PERKINS.	FRANK W. SWALLOW.
†FLORENCE PETTINGILL.	DAVID L. TAYLOR.
†PHEBE RUSSELL.	WALTER B. THAYER, Jun.
*MANNA SIMMONS.	*MERTON G. WOODBURY.
†GRACE A. SMALL.	ARTHUR WORTHEN.

* College course.

† Classical course.

Not marked, English course.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

During the year the discipline of the schools has been remarkably good. We believe there has been no case where the authority of the teacher has been defied. At least no such case has been brought to our knowledge. There have been years in the past when they occurred frequently. Again: there

has been less trouble the past year from truancy, though there are a few chronic cases, where we have been obliged to call on Mr. Cushman.

This improved condition of things *may* be temporary; but we are quite of the opinion that it is permanent, and may perhaps justly be ascribed to additional effort on the part of the teachers in making the schoolroom attractive, and the daily tasks pleasant and interesting. We think we can say that there has been a united effort on the part of the School Committee and the teachers to make the schools better, and that the effort has been successful.

THE LECTURES BY COL. PARKER, AND THE QUINCY SYSTEM.

As some of the members of our School Board, and many of our teachers, had become quite deeply interested in the "new departure" in the Quincy schools, we invited Col. F. W. Parker, the superintendent, to visit us, and deliver a series of conversational lectures on education. (We must say here, that the suggestion is to be credited to Miss Norris and Mrs. Kunhardt, who have both, especially the former, spent much time in visiting schools of other towns.) This invitation was duly accepted, and the lectures were well attended by our own teachers and those of contiguous towns. It is needless to say that they were very interesting. Col. Parker's views and theories are in many respects diametrically opposed to those commonly held. In other respects they are such as are held by all good teachers. These views, embodied in what is known very generally as the Quincy system, have become familiar to you by means of the extended comments of the public press, and through the pamphlet of Mr. Charles F. Adams, jun., of the School Board. It has been four years since the experiment was inaugurated there; and it can be said that it is no longer an experiment, but, in view of results achieved, a pronounced success. Briefly summarized, the system is as follows:—

First, To make the schoolroom a very pleasant place, which the pupil will attend with pleasure, and leave with regret.

Second, To teach language by the word method, instead of

the alphabet method. To teach the written form, with the spoken form, of the word. All words and sentences placed on the blackboard by teacher or scholar to be written in script. Printed forms not to be used or taught. The teaching of penmanship to be begun early in the primary school, and special attention to be given it through the entire course.

Third. Mathematics. *Number* to be taught, not figures. Great care to be used in the early steps, that the pupil shall surely know and comprehend the *basis* of the work.

Fourth. Geography to be taught with the aid of the moulding-board, where the moistened clay, under the hand of the teacher, and later under the hand of the pupil, can be formed into mountains and valleys; the courses of rivers marked out; cities located; the indentations of the coast-line formed. Statistics and dates to be taught sparingly (most of these being learned only to be forgotten).

Fifth. Grammar and language. The mark set in this study is to teach the pupil (in the few years spent in the primary and grammar grades) to write a page of good English on any topic of which he may have knowledge. In accomplishing this, they look upon technical grammar as a hindrance, and not a help: therefore it is that grammar, as a study, is not taught in any grade under the High School.

If it is claimed that a sentence cannot be properly framed and constructed without a knowledge of the rules governing its form, it may well be asked how it happens that what is generally known as classical English to us of this day was written or spoken when the study of English grammar was unknown.

The aims of the system, it will be seen, are simple. The means used are such as commend themselves to the minds of the majority; and yet the change is in many ways very radical in its character, and, it may safely be said, could not be inaugurated in its entirety in any town where the School Board was not firmly seated, and in the possession of a degree of confidence on the part of the citizen and tax-payer rather phenomenal in its character. Under such auspices as these, the work has

been a *success* in Quincy; under *other* circumstances, it might have been a failure. It is certain, however, that no teacher whose services would be worth retaining could visit the Quincy schools, or listen to the arguments of Col. Parker, without feeling her enthusiasm kindled, and receiving benefits of a substantial and lasting character. If such benefits have been received, our object in inaugurating the lectures has been accomplished, and the results will be seen in better teaching.

The demands of business duties have compelled your Chairman to send in his resignation, to take effect in February, leaving the vacancy to be provided for at the annual election in March. During the first eighteen months of his term of office, he was able to give, and did give, all the attention to his duties which could reasonably have been expected; but, since the fall term began, he has found it quite impossible to visit the schools as often as he has deemed necessary, and, as there is no prospect of his leisure increasing, he is compelled to resign. There are others who have more time and ability, and such should be willing to step in and fill the position. In retiring from the Board, he wishes to express his sincere thanks for the cordial support and encouragement you have given him. Although his term of service has not been entirely free from annoyances, still they have not been of such a character as to cause him to regret the time he has devoted to your service: on the contrary, if his other duties would permit, he would gladly finish his three years' term, and *possibly* offer himself as a candidate for a "second term."

We trust you will aid and encourage the new Committee by voting the appropriation suggested in this report.

Respectfully submitted.

ROYAL P. BARRY,
For the Committee.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

For the Year ending Jan. 1, 1880.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum No. from Jan. 1 to July 1.	Average Attendance during same time.	Maximum No. from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1, '80.	Average Attendance during same time.	Number of Pupils Jan. 1, 1880.	Per cent of Attendance for the year.	Average Age, Jan. 1, 1880.
High, First Class	16	} 78.9	19	} 95.1	19	-	Yrs. Ms. 17 7
Second Class	11		13		11	-	16 11
Third Class	25		22		22	-	15 5
Fourth Class	34		46		42	-	15 -
Totals	86	78.9	100	95.1	94	.96	15 10
First Grammar	75	67.5	61	56.5	61	.95	14 7
Second Grammar, Emerson Street .	37	31.7	43	40.5	42	.94	12 8
Second Grammar, Centre . .	37	31.3	47	41.1	39	.94	12 11
Third Grammar, Emerson Street .	47	41.	53	48.	51	.95	11 9
Third Grammar, Centre . . .	48	42.5	53	48.8	51	.95	12 6
Intermediate, Centre	46	39.	50	42.	46	.95	10 -
Intermediate, Vinton Street . .	47	37.	44	40.	43	.93	10 4
Intermediate, Lynde Street . .	38	32.4	42	37.	36	.95	9 8
Green Street (upper school) . .	42	39.	44	38.	38	.96	11 1
Green Street (lower school) . .	43	34.	38	34.	37	.91	7 9
Highlands (mixed)	50	41.	38	35.	36	.92	8 -
Upham Street (mixed)	39	33.5	40	32.5	38	.91	9 4
Primary, Centre	40	36.	49	43.6	46	.89	7 -
Primary, Lynde Street	53	45.	55	46.	47	.92	7 6
Primary, Vinton Street	62	50.	55	46.	55	.87	7 4
Total	790	679.8	812	724.1	760	.93	

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. The schools shall commence during the year at nine A.M. and two P.M., closing at twelve M. and four P.M. No extended session allowed.*

SECT. 2. The school-year shall consist of forty weeks, commencing on the first Monday in September, and closing on the last Friday in June.

Vacations shall occur during the school-year as follows: —

Close of fall term, from the Wednesday previous to the annual Thanksgiving to the Monday following.

Christmas week.

Close of winter term, from the second Saturday to the third Monday in February.

Close of spring term, from the fourth Saturday in April to the first Monday in May.

Close of summer term, end of school-year.

Also all legal holidays.

SECT. 3. Teachers shall be in their schoolrooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the school, admitting pupils, commencing exercises promptly at the hours specified.

SECT. 4. Teachers *themselves* shall hear all recitations.

SECT. 5. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman of the Committee notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule.

SECT. 6. Teachers are required to report all damages to school-property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

* High School excepted.

SECT. 7. "The several school-teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned."* A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

SECT. 8. In case of inclement weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit the forenoon or afternoon session, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before eight A.M., or a quarter before twelve o'clock A.M.

SECT. 9. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils from school for truancy, or gross violation of rules; informing the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

SECT. 10. Pupils must attend schools in the district in which they reside; must be at least five years of age, and obtain a permit, before entering, from the Committee. *Alphabet* scholars admitted only at the beginning of a term.

SECT. 11. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the Committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the Committee, and the town assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to the town agent must have the name of the parent or guardian. Books furnished to indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

SECT. 12. Pupils shall not be dismissed before the close of the school (*alphabet classes excepted*) without a written request from the parent or guardian. Frequent and repeated requests can be disregarded, and the Committee informed of the evil. Parents shall be notified of absences or tardiness of pupils when explanation or information is deemed necessary.

SECT. 13. Pupils absent a term, *or not present at the quarterly examinations*, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee (*alphabet scholars excepted*).

* Extract from Revised Statutes.

SECT. 14. Pupils shall have a recess of twenty minutes at each morning session, and no pupil will be allowed to leave the school-grounds without a special permit from the teacher.

SECT. 15. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring schoolhouses, school-furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school-property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes, or the Committee deem proper.

SECT. 16. Pupils are not allowed in schoolyards after school-hours, or during holidays or vacations; are not allowed in other schoolyards than their own, at any time, unless sent with messages.

SECT. 17. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep each schoolroom and entry twice every week; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter; close gates when schools are not in session; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property; prepare and put in the coal and wood, practise rigid economy in its use; and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

SECT. 18. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in the schools without the consent of the Committee.

SECT. 19. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

WARRANT
FOR
TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 1, 1880.

WARRANT.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Melrose, in the
County of Middlesex: Greeting.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of MELROSE, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, on Monday, the first day of March, A. D. 1880, at 12.30 o'clock, P. M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz.:

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes, on one ballot, for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for a term of three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for a term of three years, Public Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, Auditors and Constables. Also on a separate ballot, to bring in their votes for four members of the School Committee, two for a term of three years, one for two years and one for one year.
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To raise money for Schools.
6. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
7. To raise money for Highways.
8. To raise money for Sidewalks.
9. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
10. To raise money for the Fire Department.
11. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lamps
12. To raise money for additional Street Lamps.
13. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen.
14. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
15. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
16. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt
17. To raise money for the Public Library.
18. To raise money for Water, maintenance and use of same.

19. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all Officers and Committees elected or appointed by the Town.

20. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.

21. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

22. To see if the Town will raise \$300 for the purpose of widening Franklin Street.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of Public Worship, at each of the Post Offices, at the Depots and the Town Hall, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.,	} Selectmen of Melrose.
HENRY G. FIELDS,	
JOSEPH F. BOYD,	

A true Copy. Attest,

A. B. PIERCE, Constable.

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending December 31, 1880.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1880-1881.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

DANIEL NORTON, JUN.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

Town Clerk.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Treasurer.

GEORGE NEWHALL

Collector.

MOSES BRIGGS.

Assessors.

GEORGE C. STANTIAL.

JAMES C. CURRIER.

DEXTER PRATT.

Water Commissioners.

JOSEPH D. WILDE, <i>Chairman.</i>	Term expires 1881.
W. IRVING ELLIS	" " 1882.
JOSEPH R. SIMONDS	" " 1883.

Commissioners of Water Loan Sinking Fund.

DANIEL RUSSELL, <i>Chairman.</i>	Term expires 1881.
ROYAL P. BARRY	" " 1883.
JOHN W. FARWELL	" " 1882.

School Committee.

CLIFTON FLETCHER, <i>Chairman.</i>	Term expires 1883.
LOUIS E. ROBSON	" " 1881.
JULIUS S. CLARK	" " 1882.
MRS. MARIETTA M. W. SEAVER, <i>Sec'y</i>	" " 1883.
MRS. ANN M. KUNHARDT,	" " 1882.
MRS. B. F. BRADBURY	" " 1881.

MISS PHOEBE A. NORRIS (resigned.)

Highway Surveyor.

AMOS WILBUR LYNDE.

Trustees of the Public Library.

FREDERIC KIDDER.	ELBRIDGE H. GOSS.	CHARLES C. BARRY.
HANNAH LYNDE.	ADDIE A. NICHOLS.	

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1880-1881.

Auditors.

JOHN R. NORTON.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

ERNEST MENDUM,

Constable.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

Representative in the General Court.

B. MARVIN FERNALD.

*Engineers of the Fire Department.*F. EDWARD HOWE, *Chief*.

L. FRANK HINCKLEY.

JOSEPH R. SIMONDS.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal.

SETH E. BENSON.

JAMES D. LITTLEFIELD.

Measurer of Wood and Bark.

AARON GREEN.

Surveyor of Lumber.

HENRY A. LEONARD.

Lock-up Keeper.

SAMUEL L. WALTON.

Committee on Cemeteries.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Field-Drivers.

OTIS HOWARD.

HORACE W. CUSHMAN.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

Fence-Viewers.

AARON GREEN.

CHARLES T. STEVENS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

Police Officers.

A. B. PIERCE.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

H. B. NEWHALL.

AMMI C. CHICK.

J. D. LITTLEFIELD.

SAMUEL L. WALTON.

H. W. CUSHMAN.

HENRY ROBINSON.

ANDREW J. BODGE.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

Special Police.

WALTER B. ELLIS. JEREMIAH FISHER. EDWARD P. FULLER.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen herewith submit their Annual Report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1880.

Poor.

We have always felt that a public discussion of the pauper laws, or of the inner workings of this department as connected with our town, was unwise. Justice to ourselves has sometimes prompted us to enter more minutely into the details of our management of this fund, but we have always declined to do so in these reports, knowing that it would involve an exposure of the chances, and the defective points of assault in this department, to the knowledge of the crafty, who are always watching for opportunities, and who are making their arrangements, year by year, to get at this fund, if possible to do so.

Our *own* vindication against the charges, which are not infrequently made, of our want of economy, is of very small importance compared with the interests of the town that would be jeopardized by such an exposure.

In calling for an appropriation of \$4000 at our March meeting, we were confident that such a sum would be sufficient to meet all the expenses for the year.

Encouraged by the more promising prospect for business, we ventured to predict, that it *must* bring us relief in the Temporary Aid Department, at least, and so set ourselves carefully to keep our expenses within the above sum. Our predictions have been verified in respect to this class of our poor,—and this only,—there having been sixty-seven temporarily aided, against eighty the previous year. With this slight improvement, we regret to report increased expenses in directions which no effort of ours could prevent,

or even the better times avert. We refer to the much larger expense of the Insane, and to the increase of the aged and helpless fully-supported poor. Of the former class there have been three more of the persistent Insane maintained at the Asylums than were *ever* reported by this town, and which has increased the cost in this department, by this class alone, to nearly five hundred dollars above that of last year. It is a notable fact that Insanity is rapidly increasing in this country, until it has become a serious problem with philanthropists, and the commiserators of this class of unfortunates, how to learn its causes and arrest its progress. There are at present nine in the Hospitals for the Insane, one having been recently discharged, and two for whom the town is reimbursed.

There have been four persons transferred from those partially supported to the full support list. This has been caused by their declining health and their old age, thus making fifteen fully supported, against eleven as reported on the previous year. Of this number two are over eighty, eight are over seventy, and three over sixty years of age. Of the other two, one is deaf, dumb and idiotic, the other is a child who was forsaken by an abandoned mother. There has been one person discharged from the full support list who has been aided by this town for many years.

It is a matter of regret that so many of the kindred are unable to reimburse the town for the support of their own poor. With all such, we are sure that the citizens sincerely sympathize, and cheerfully share their means, but for those who are able to maintain their own, but avail themselves of our humane laws to escape their moral obligations, and thus subject the poor, hard-working mechanics and laborers of our town to an increased taxation to support such, it is simply contemptible. If any are to be disfranchised by the operation of the pauper laws, we could wish it were only those who having the means, refuse to prevent their own nearest of kin from becoming town paupers. The law is explicit as to the disposal of the Insane. Upon the application of two regular physicians, the Selectmen must notify the Judge of the District, who orders a hearing, and a committal to the Asylum if he is satisfied that the patient is dangerously affected. The Selectmen are as powerless in these cases as any other persons, and for any to plead, that because the Selectmen have committed theirs to the Insane

Retreat they may support them, is only a pretext to avoid the very *small* expense which the State has graciously imposed. This proves to be an extremely hard winter for poor people. The excessive cold makes a large consumption of fuel necessary; the prices of fuel are higher than last year, and there is the usual complaint of a scarcity of labor in the winter months.

There have been ninety-nine tramps lodged in the Lock-up for the year, against one thousand and twenty-four as reported for the previous year.

A full report of the receipts and expenses of this department may be found elsewhere.

TOWN SAFE.

Early in the year a large Diebold Safe was purchased, at what was considered a great bargain. In it were placed the Assessors' valuation books for several years past, the grade plans, for which the town paid \$600, and other books and papers of great value, which, if lost or destroyed, could not be replaced. Many of these books and documents being in constant demand for public use or inspection, it was neither convenient nor feasible to use the town vault in the room occupied by the Savings Bank. We trust our action will commend itself to the town, although undertaken without specific instructions therefrom. The outlay was viewed as a matter of prudence and necessity.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For particulars in regard to this department we refer to the report of the Engineers. No fires of importance have occurred during the year, but we feel assured, from the character of both officers and men, that when the alarm bell shall send forth its warning, be it by day or night, they will respond with alacrity.

ARMORY RENT AND MILITARY AID.

The amount paid for rent of Armory occupied by Battery C, M. V. M. has been refunded. Military Aid has been paid, under Chap. 301, Acts 1879, to invalid pensioners, widows, and dependent relatives of Soldiers slain in the war, and under Chap. 252, Acts of 1879, to Soldiers standing in need of relief.

The amounts paid have been approved by the Commissioners of State Aid.

TOWN HALL.

The expenditures on account of this building exceed the receipts, but the citizens should bear in mind, that inasmuch as the various departments of the town government, viz; the Public Library, Fire Department, Water Works, etc., pay no rental from their respective appropriations, it would be a difficult matter to rent *the hall proper* for a sufficient sum to heat, light and care for the *entire* building. Some more satisfactory system should be devised, so that this department shall stand on a more equal footing with the others.

SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

Good sidewalks are a necessity. The concrete sidewalks laid during the last few years are a perpetual source of comfort to all who traverse our streets. Crossings have been laid the past year at the Junction and across several streets.

We believe that appropriations for the purpose of extending these walks should be made annually, and recommend for sidewalks, \$1000, and for crossings, \$200, to be expended under a similar vote to that of last year.

STREET LIGHTS.

Our streets have been lighted by the Globe Gas Light Company in a very satisfactory manner. The present contract includes the lighting and care of 125 lamps, for \$1000, a saving of \$500 on the appropriation.

DRAINAGE.

The culvert on Wyoming Avenue over Spot Pond Brook has been enlarged, in accordance with the vote of the town.

The award, by the County Commissioners, to Mr. J. A. Harrington for land damage, sustained in widening Ell Pond Brook has been paid. Ell Pond Brook has been cleared of obstructions from the Pond to Malden line.

HIGHWAYS.

About one third of the appropriation was expended on Main street from Malden line to nearly opposite the house of Warren Lynde, over 2000 loads of gravel being used, a much needed improvement. We would recommend that during the coming year arrangements be made to complete the improvements on this the principle thoroughfare of our town, after which all the streets should be gradually placed in equally good condition. We would further add that in the opinion of the Board, with the exception of good schools and a proper regard for the moral and spiritual growth of a community, nothing impresses strangers and those seeking suburban homes more favorably than broad smooth highways and sidewalks well cared for.

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCHMEN.

The appropriation for this department was inadequate. Public safety demands that good order shall be preserved. As a safeguard against burglaries, for the protection of buildings, public and private, and for the purpose of sounding an alarm in case of fire, a permanent night watch is necessary. We recommend for the coming year an appropriation of \$1000.

CONCLUSION.

We venture the assertion that the credit and financial standing of our town never was better. The debt is steadily diminishing, and with it gradually disappears our interest account, once so formidable. More than \$60,000 of the debt has been expunged during the past seven years, which includes sums borrowed for special purposes, viz.: erecting the Centre School Building, purchase of Newhall's Building, etc., which increased our indebtedness from the amount stated in 1874. The net cost of constructing the Water Works has been maintained at \$150,000, no further bonds having been issued. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund report an accumulation of \$5,385.00, for the redemption of the bonds at maturity.

With all necessary modern improvements, with the increasing desire to fix and maintain our public expenditures within the

bounds of that reasonable economy which shall allow a proper and efficient management of town affairs, and withal the advanced public sentiment of our people tending to the development of a healthy moral and political growth, all point to the commencement of a new era of prosperity.

The extreme beauty of our scenery, unsurpassed by any suburban village in New England, from Boston Rock in the south to the Highlands in the north; from the wooded hills, silver streams and mossy glens of Saugus in the east, to the waterfall, and towering cliffs of the Middlesex Fells in the west, unfolds a natural panorama of exquisite loveliness, while this alone will bring to our community the true lovers of nature, we have other attractions for permanent residents, in the invigorating air we breathe, fresh from the woods and hillside, the pure water we drink, the high character of our schools, churches and societies, ease of communication with adjacent cities, low price of real estate through which a home is within the reach of nearly all, and the general comforts of living, attainable at moderate cost, would all seem to indicate that at no distant day our town, once a simple hamlet within the memory of many among us, connected with Boston by "Old" Aaron Butler's stage, whose trips of three times a week to that distant city were a sort of safety valve for the jibes and jeers of the urchins of those days, as the weary, jaded, half-starved animals struggled on, with an occasional passenger from independent and happy firesides, is to be more eagerly sought by *thousands* from the neighboring metropolis, who, drawn hither by these attractions and advantages, will seek retirement within our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL NORTON, JR.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Numerous complaints have been made to the Board in regard to foul pig-pens, defective vaults, cesspools, drains, etc. A thorough examination has been made in each case, and the existing nuisance abated by the parties directly responsible.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

There have been a number of cases of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever; two persons have had the Small-pox. All necessary precaution was taken to prevent contagion, so far as we are able to judge.

The following tables, prepared by one of the physicians of our town, are of especial interest:

DEATH RATE FOR 1000 INHABITANTS.

	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	Average.
Malden, . .	18.78	18.18	15.51	16.07	17.13
Medford, . .	18.16		15.84	14.58	16.19
Woburn, . .	19.17	17.24	20.69	15.76	18.21
Stoneham, . .	14.90	15.04	12.62	16.85	14.70
Wakefield, . .	15.63	17.94	17.19	12.97	15.93
Melrose, . .	14.56	14.29	13.78	14.13	14.19

For the first three years the dates are computed on the deaths of these respective years as compared with the state census of 1875. The average annual death rate of all Massachusetts cities is nineteen; that of Melrose, 14.19, making it an eminently healthy town. If you add the census of 1875, an increase of one hundred and eight souls, and compute from this, as we should do, we find our death rate to be 13.82, which is an almost incomparable showing. It will be seen by the above statement that Melrose heads the list in point of sanitation.

The expenditures in this department have amounted to \$22.30, which sum has been paid from the Contingent expense account, to which reference is made for details.

Respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

H. G. FIELDS.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1, 1880. 12.30 P. M.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE WARRANT. To choose a Moderator.
Chose Levi S. Gould.

ART. 2. To bring in votes for Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and other officers ; votes for School Committee to be upon a separate ballot.

Voted, That the officers elected by ballot this day, shall consist of, three Selectmen, who shall be Overseers of the Poor, one Clerk, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, three Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, five Library Trustees, one Highway Surveyor, three Auditors, one Constable, four School Committee, two for three years, one for two years, one for one year.

Voted, That when the meeting is adjourned, it be to 7.30 P. M., and that all articles in the warrant requiring an appropriation of money be postponed to that time.

Voted, To close the Polls at 5.15 P. M.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY BALLOT.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Daniel Norton, Jr., Henry G. Fields, Joseph F. Boyd. Town Clerk, John Larrabee. Town Treasurer, George Newhall. Collector of Taxes, Moses Briggs. Assessors, George C. Stantial, James C. Currier, Dexter Pratt. Water Commissioner for 3 years, Joseph R. Simonds. Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for 3 years, Royal P. Barry. Highway Surveyor,

Amos Wilbur Lynde. Auditors, John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Ernest Mendum. Constable, Ansel B. Pierce. Trustees of the Public Library, Frederic Kidder, Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Hannah Lynde, Addie A. Nichols. School Committee for 3 years, Clifton Fletcher, Marietta M. W. Seaver. For 2 years, Julius S. Clark. For 1 year, Louis E. Robson.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 1, 1880. 7.30 P. M.

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal, Seth E. Benson, James D. Littlefield. Measurer of Wood and Bark, Aaron Green. Surveyor of Lumber, Henry A. Leonard. Committee on Cemeteries, George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee. Field Drivers, Otis Howard, H. W. Cushman, Frank Gibbons, H. B. Newhall, Marcus Malcolm. Fence Viewers, Aaron Green, Charles T. Stevens. Police Officers, A. B. Pierce, H. B. Newhall, Joseph Holbrook, H. W. Cushman, Ammi C. Chick, Henry Robinson, Samuel L. Walton. Sealer of Weights and Measures, A. B. Pierce. Lock-up and Pound Keeper, S. L. Walton.

ART. 4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to meet the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

ART. 5. To raise money for Schools.

Voted, That the sum of eleven thousand dollars, and the surplus from last year, be raised and appropriated for the support of schools—for salaries, fuel, care of buildings, including, also, compensation of School Committee.

ART. 6. To raise money for School Contingent expenses.

Voted, That the sum of seventeen hundred dollars and

the surplus from last year, be raised and appropriated for School Contingent.

ART. 7. To raise money for Highways.

Voted, That the sum of three thousand dollars be raised for Highways, and that four-fifths of the amount be expended before May 31, 1880. That the unexpended balance, to the credit of this account from last year, be expended for concrete crossings, by the Highway Surveyor, the same to be laid across our highways under direction of the Selectmen. That the Highway Surveyor be obliged to make out his pay roll twice each month, and present the same to the Selectmen for approval.

ART. 8. To raise money for Sidewalks.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be raised for Sidewalks, said sum to be expended for Concrete Sidewalks, under direction of the Selectmen, according to provisions of General Statutes accepted by the Town, relating to sidewalks, by which abutters pay one-half the expense, and that preference be given where parties are willing to make the walks continuous.

ART. 9. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.

Voted, That the sum of four thousand dollars and receipts be raised and appropriated for the Support of the Poor.

Voted. To adjourn to Tuesday, March 2d, at 7.30 P. M.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 2, 1880. 7.30 P. M. *

ART. 10. To raise money for the Fire Department.

Voted, That the sum of two thousand dollars and the unexpended balance from last year, be raised and appropriated for the expenses of the Fire Department.

ART. 11. To raise money for Lighting and Care of Street Lamps.

Voted, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be raised for Lighting Street Lamps and keeping the same in repair.

ART. 12. To raise money for Additional Street Lamps.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised for Additional Street Lamps.

ART. 13 To Raise money for Watchmen and Policemen.

Voted, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be raised for Police and Night Watchmen.

ART. 14. To raise money for Contingent Expenses

Voted, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be raised for Contingent Expenses.

ART. 15. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.

Voted, To raise and appropriate, for interest on Town Debt, the sum of seven thousand and seven hundred dollars, together with the unexpended balance from last-year and the interest collected on taxes for the year 1879.

ART. 16. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.

Voted, To raise four thousand two hundred and fifty dollars for the pupose of reducing the permanent debt.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars and ninety-four cents, received during the year 1879 from the State, as Bank and Corporation Tax be applied for the same purpose.

ART. 17. To raise money for the Public Library.

Voted, To raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars and the dog tax, for the support of the Public Library.

ART. 18. To raise money for Water, maintenance and use of same.

Voted, To raise for the use of the Water, two thousand dollars ; for maintenance, fifteen hundred dollars.

ART. 19. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the town.

Voted, That the salaries of town officers and committees be fixed as follows : Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, \$200 each ; Chairman of Overseers of Poor, \$50 additional.

Town Clerk, \$175. Town Treasurer, \$275. Assessors, \$150 each, and \$50 additional for the Assessor making duplicate valuation book for 1880, for the use of the State. Auditors, \$15 each. Water Commissioners, \$50 each. School Committee, \$50 each; Chairman of the Committee, \$25 additional, Cemetery Committee, \$25 each. Sealer of Weights and Measures, \$10.

Voted, That the Collector be paid as compensation for his services, for collecting resident poll and property taxes, and non-resident property taxes, one-half of one per cent., and on simple poll taxes five per cent. on the amount collected and paid to the Treasurer.

Voted, That the sum of two thousand dollars be raised for the purpose of paying salaries as above stated.

ART. 20. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.

Voted, That the sum of six hundred dollars be raised for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts, and that the Selectmen be directed to rebuild the culvert on Wyoming Avenue, through which Spot Pond Brook passes, adding such new material as may be required, the expense to be paid from this appropriation.

ART. 21. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise for deficiencies the following sums: On account of Town Hall, \$439.44; Drainage on Emerson Street, \$88.55; Counsel Fees, \$261.20; Poor Fund, \$787.39; Military Aid, \$63; Water, (Construction 1879) \$906.03; Total, \$2545.61.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year, be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments, with the exception of balance on account of Highways.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will raise \$300 for the purpose of widening Franklin street.

Voted, That the sum of three hundred dollars be raised for the purpose of widening Franklin street, and that the same be expended under direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will repair the fences around the town cemeteries, make other improvements, raise money and choose a committee to expend the same, on petition of Aaron Green and others.

Voted, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be raised for the purpose of repairing fence around the Main Street Cemetery, and the making of other improvements in said cemetery, and that Mr. Aaron Green be appointed as a special committee to act with the Cemetery Committee in expending the same.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will make improvements on Lebanon street, near the house of Mr. Ede K. Chase, and appropriate money for the same, on petition of Henry C. Bliss and others.

Voted, That this matter be referred to the Selectmen and Highway Surveyor, and that they put the same in good order.

ART. 26. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

Voted, That all taxes be made payable on or before October 1, 1880, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of seven per centum per annum. That all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1881, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 27. To hear and act on the reports of Committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Report on Guide Boards accepted. Committee appointed to settle with the Collector of Taxes for 1877, reported that the amount of uncollected taxes was in 1879, \$849.76; amount collected and paid to the Treasurer during the year,

\$310.15 ; amount abated by the Assessors, \$115.61 ; balance uncollected, \$424.00 ; received as interest, \$18.65. Report accepted.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the matter of improving and beautifying the grounds about the Town Hall and High School House. Committee appointed, Charles C. Barry, F. S. Hesseltine, Walter Babb.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the matter of purchasing a Poor Farm, also the purchase of Gravel Pits. Committee appointed, Artemas Barrett, J. B. Souther, N. D. Blake.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to consider the matter of building a School House at the Highlands. Committee appointed, Moses Briggs, Royal P. Barry, Augustus Barrett.

Voted, To adjourn, *sine die*.

MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2D, 1880. 7 A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in votes to the Selectmen for National, State and County Officers.

MEETING, SAME DAY, AT 3 P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside for the transaction of town business.

Chose Levi S. Gould.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will authorize Collectors, having taxes outstanding, to use all means of collecting the taxes which a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use, as provided for in General Statutes, Chap. 18, Sec. 73.

Voted, That Collectors have the same authority to use all means for collecting taxes that a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

ART. 3. To see what action, if any, the Town will take to relieve the abutters on Otis Street from inconvenience and damage

caused them and their estates in consequence of the flowage of water from Emerson Street through the premises of D. L. Taylor and others, on petition of G. W. Van Horn and others.

Voted, To refer the matter to a committee of three, to investigate, get estimates of expense, and report at next meeting. Committee appointed, R. P. Barry, B. M. Fernald and Dexter Pratt.

ART. 4. To see what action, if any, the Town will take in regard to improving that part of Tremont Street, near the residence of Michael Sullivan, an open ditch on the westerly side of the street being in a dangerous condition, on petition of W. J. Farnsworth and others.

Voted, That the whole matter be referred to the Selectmen, to do what in their judgment is required.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to approve the balance of the bills of the Assessors for the year 1879, in accordance with the vote passed at the annual meeting for that year, fixing the salaries at one hundred and fifty dollars each, on petition of Moses Briggs and others.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to approve the bills of the Assessors for the year 1879, for the sum voted at the annual meeting for that year.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised.

Three names added to the list, one person excused. Then voted to accept.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chap. 158, Acts of 1871, as amended by Chap. 51, Acts of 1873, General Laws, which provide for the election of Road Commissioners.

Voted, To accept provisions of laws which relate to the election of Road Commissioners by towns.

ART. 8. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of improving the grounds about the Town Hall and High School House.

Verbal report from committee in regard to improving the Town Hall lot.

Voted, That one thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of improving the grounds about the Town Hall, the money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen; that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for the same out of any monies received by him not otherwise appropriated.

Voted, That Seth E. Benson and Dexter Pratt be a committee to act with the Selectmen in the matter of improving the grounds.

ART. 9. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the matter of purchasing a Poor Farm, and the purchase of gravel pits.

Committee reported against purchasing a Poor Farm. Report accepted, committee discharged. In regard to gravel pits, further time granted committee.

ART. 10. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to consider the matter of building a school house at the Highlands.

Committee requested further time. Granted.

ART. 11. To hear the reports of other committees, act upon the same, and transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Voted, That it is unadvisable at any town meeting to consider two articles of the warrant at one and the same time. At 4.20 P. M. it was voted to adjourn the meeting so far as town business was concerned. At 4.45 P. M. the Polls were closed, and the result of the voting declared.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE VOTE OF MELROSE FOR NATIONAL, STATE
AND COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 1880.

Presidential Electors.

Republican	573
Democratic	250
Greenback and Labor Reform	8

For Governor.

John D. Long of Hingham	577
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester	245
Horace Binney Sargent of Salem	8
Charles Almy of New Bedford	2

For Lieutenant Governor.

Byron Weston of Dalton	576
Alpha E. Thompson of Woburn	248
George Dutton of Springfield	8

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	575
Michael T. Donohue of Somerville	247
Jonathan Arnold of North Abington	8

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford	575
Francis J. Parker of Newton	249
Wilbur F. Whitney of Ashburnham	8

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield	575
Charles R. Field of Greenfield	249
Charles F. Warner of Northampton	8

For Attorney General.

George Marston of New Bedford	575
Patrick A. Collins of Boston	245
Israel W. Andrews of Danvers	8

For Sheriff.

Eben W. Fiske of Waltham	573
Godfrey Ryder of Medford	248
William H. Turner of Stoneham	9

For District Attorney, Northern District.

William B. Stevens of Stoneham	575
James J. McCafferty of Lowell	246
Dean Dudley of Wakefield	7

County Commissioner.

Harrison Harwood of Natick	575
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn	249
George W. Kimball of Natick	8

Special Commissioners.

Samuel Staples of Concord	574
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn	574
Lewis P. True of Everett	249
Clement Meserve of Hopkinton	249
John S. Verity of Cambridge	8
John C. Meehan of Woburn	8

Commissioners of Insolvency.

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell	576
John Haskell Butler of Somerville	576
Clark A. Batchelder of Ayer	576
James W. McDonald of Marlboro'	247
John W. Bragdon of Medford	247
John H. Morrison of Lowell	247
Nathan Page, Jr. of Wakefield	8
Abram Tyler of Hudson	8
Reuben Bacon of Bedford	8

For Councillor, Sixth District.

George Heywood of Concord	575
Daniel Wetherbee of Acton	248
Walter Rayner of Reading	8

For Representative in the Forty-Seventh Congress, Fifth District.

Selwyn Z. Bowman of Somerville	554
Lucius Beebe of Wakefield	269
James N. Buffum of Lynn	8

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

Thomas Winship of Wakefield	590
George W. Norris of Woburn	231
Charles H. Lang of Reading	8
T. Winship	1

For Representative to the General Court, Ninth Middlesex Representative District.

B. Marvin Fernald of Melrose	523
William L. Williams of Melrose	289
Scattering	8

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN THE TOWN OF MELROSE, DURING THE YEAR 1880.

	BIRTHS.	MARRIAGES.	DEATHS.
January	7	3	2
February	8	—	6
March	5	—	7
April	7	4	6
May	7	1	4
June	8	5	5
July	10	3	9
August	2	2	8
September	6	4	4
October	7	4	4
November	3	2	3
December	3	5	4
	—	—	—
	73	33	62

BIRTHS.

Number registered	73
Males	37
Females	36

Of the above number,

70 were born in Melrose.

3 were born in other places.

Born of American parents	48
of foreign parents	17
of American father and foreign mother	3
of foreign father and American mother	5
	— 73

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	36
Both parties residing in Melrose	23
But one party residing in Melrose	13
	— 36

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	33
Less than last year	10
Both parties American	30
Both parties foreign	1
Parties American and foreign	2
	—
	33
First marriage of persons	57
Second marriage of persons	8
Third marriage of persons	1
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	66—33 couples.
The oldest person married	60 years.
The youngest person married	17 years.

DEATHS.

Whole number	62
Less than last year	2
Males (married)	15
Females (married)	4
Widows	9
Widowers	1
Males (single)	3
Females (single)	5
Male children	16
Female children	9
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	62

AGES.

Under one year	14
From 1 to 5	6
5 " 10	4
10 " 20	3
20 " 30	6
30 " 40	5
40 " 50	7
50 " 60	6
60 " 70	2
70 " 80	9
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	62

Oldest person, 79 years, 9 months.

American parentage		41
Foreign parentage		16
Mixed parentage		5

Diseases, or Causes of Death.

Abortion and puerperal peritonitis, 1; age and debility, 1; accidental drowning, 1; apoplexy, 1; asthenia, 1; angina pectoris, 2; basilar meningitis, 1; brain disease, 1; Bright's disease, 2; cancer, 4; cerebritis, 1; congestion of lungs, 1; consumption, 2; cholera morbus, 1; congestion of brain, 1; cholera infantum, 1; diphtheria, 2; dropsy and albuminaria, 1; dysentery, 1; disease of liver, 1; erysipelas, 1; eclampsia infantum, 2; encephalo malaria, 1; gastric catarrh and inanition, 1; hemorrhage of kidneys, 1; hydrocephalus, 1; membranous croup, 2; meningitis, 1; occlusion œsophagus, 1; paralysis, 1; pericarditis with endocarditis, 1; phthisis, 1; pulmonary phthisis, 7; premature birth, 1; purpura, 1; pupura hæmorrhagica and Bright's disease, 1; R. R. accident, 1; scarlatina anginosa, 1; softening of brain, 1; still born, 3; tubercular meningitis, 1; typhus abdominalis 1; ulceration of stomach, 1; unknown, probably ulceration of stomach, 1; valvular disease of heart, 1.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year. 1880, 198 males and 12 females; total, 210.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by law, \$414.

ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer, 1490, for the sum of \$39,666.23.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN LARRABEE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

In entering upon the duties of Highway Surveyor, my first work was in accordance with the vote of instruction passed by the town, that \$1000 should be expended on Main street, beginning at Malden line. From that point to Wyoming Avenue, the entire width of the street was thoroughly graded, requiring 2300 loads of gravel, costing \$184. Most of the balance of the appropriation was expended for labor and material, in grading and repairing Green and Howard streets, Lebanon, Grove, Franklin, Main, Essex, Vinton and Lynde streets, confining the work to those portions that most needed it. A detailed statement will appear in this report.

I would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$3000 be appropriated by the Town for Highway purposes the present year, and that \$800 of the same be expended on Main street, beginning at Wakefield line; also that \$500 be additionally appropriated for concrete gutters in places where there is an unusual wash, notably on Main, Upham and Emerson streets, Wyoming Avenue, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

A. WILBUR LYNDE,
Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

In presenting our annual report, we have few fires and small losses to chronicle during the past year. What work the Department has been called on to perform, has been done in a manner creditable to the men and the apparatus in their charge. Below will be found a statement of fires, and the losses, insurance, &c., as far as could be ascertained.

For repairs and running expenses of the Department for the ensuing year, we recommend an appropriation of \$2000, and our unexpended balance.

As a matter of economy we believe it to be for the interest of the Town to erect a permanent building for the Hose Company at Wyoming, on the expiration of the lease of the quarters they now occupy, and respectfully suggest that the matter be taken into consideration

FIRES.

Jan. 29. House, Trenton street, owned by Jonathan Barrett, occupied by M. Mitchell. Value \$550. Insurance \$300. Loss total.

April 8. Fire in Unity Hall, Main street. Damage trifling and fully insured. Cause, incendiary.

June 24. Barn, Trenton street, owned by Mrs. Spear, occupied by Wm. Munroe. Loss total. Insurance \$350.

June 29. Alarm caused by bonfire near Orthodox church.

Oct. 15. House, Swain's avenue, owned by Mrs. Wilson. Valued at \$800. Insurance \$700. Loss total.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. SIMONDS.

F. EDWARD HOWE.

L. F. HINCKLEY.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JAN. 1, 1881.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Alonzo G. Whitman, eight weeks	.	\$300 00	
Alonzo G. Whitman, thirty-two weeks		1,280 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, eight weeks	.	150 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, thirty-two weeks	.	640 00	
Frances M. Henshaw, twenty-four weeks		300 00	
Annette Clark, sixteen weeks	.	200 00	
			\$2,870 00

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

FIRST.

Caroline E. Southwick, eight weeks	.	\$120 00	
Caroline E. Southwick, twenty-four weeks		260 00	
Caroline E. Southwick, eleven weeks	.	192 50	
Harriet C. Fairbanks, four weeks	.	75 00	
Agnes Pierce, five weeks	.	56 25	
Mary I. Vinton, thirty-four weeks	.	340 00	
			\$1,043 75

SECOND. (EMERSON ST.)

Lucy W. Bisbee, one year	.	550 00	
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SECOND. (CENTRE.)

Julia M. Porter, one year	.	550 00	
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THIRD. (EMERSON ST.)

Susan D. Melcher, eight weeks	.	106 00	
Susan D. Melcher, thirty-two weeks	.	440 00	

THIRD. (CENTRE.)

Emma M. Cate, eight weeks	.	106 00	
Emma M. Cate, thirty-two weeks	.	440 00	
			\$3,235 75

INTERMEDIATE AND MIXED SCHOOLS.

Chastine Emerson, (Centre) one year .	\$450 00	
Alice H. Long, (Vinton St.) eight weeks	80 00	
Alice H. Long, (Vinton St.) thirty-two weeks	360 00	
Kate W. Bascom, (Lynde St.) eight weeks	80 00	
Kate W. Bascom, (Lynde St.) thirty-two w'ks	360 00	
Lydia Mendum, (Green St.) eight weeks	96 00	
Lydia Mendum, (Green St.) thirty-two weeks	400 00	
Myra A. Whitney, (Highlands) eight weeks	80 00	
Myra A. Whitney, (Highlands) thirty-two w'ks	360 00	
Mary A. George, (Upham St.) twenty weeks	225 00	
M. W. Bachelder, (Upham St.) sixteen w'ks	160 00	
Hattie Lane, (Upham St.) . . .	24 00	
Phoebe A. Norris, Upham St.) . . .	16 00	
		\$2,691 00

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Mary M. Gilman, (Lynde St.) one year	\$450 00	
Hannah F. Lewis, (Vinton St.) one year	450 00	
Clara I. Nichols, (Green St.) eight weeks	80 00	
Clara I. Nichols, (Green St.) thirty-two w'ks	360 00	
Grace O. Barker, (Centre) sixteen weeks	180 00	
Florence B. Howland, (Centre) sixteen w'ks	160 00	
L. Temple, (Centre) eight weeks .	80 00	
		\$1,760 00

MUSIC.

C. E. Whiting, one year,	275 00	
		\$10,831 75

JANITORS' SALARIES.

Augustus Durant (High School building) one year .	\$275 00	
W. Truman Howard (Centre) 7 months . . .	102 07	
Charles J. Wing (Centre) 5 months . . .	72 92	
Benjamin Stones (Vinton St.) one year . . .	100 00	
Joseph W. Simonds (Green St.) one year . . .	100 00	
William F. Serrat (Lynde St.) one year . . .	100 00	
John Singer (Highlands) one year . . .	50 00	
Eri Upham (Upham St.) one year . . .	50 00	
		\$849 99

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SALARIES.

1879-1880.

Royal P. Barry, Chairman	\$75 00
Moses S. Page	50 00
Lafayette Burr	16 67
Clifton Fletcher	33 33
Phœbe A. Norris	50 00
Ann M. Kunhardt	50 00
Maria W. Currier	40 00
Marietta M. W. Seaver	6 25
	\$321 25
Phœbe A. Norris, services, 1880	37 50
	\$358 75

FUEL.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	\$14 65
J. McCarthy, charcoal	14 99
Eri Upham, wood	3 00
Bugbee & Barrett, $74\frac{1640}{2000}$ tons coal	418 24
	\$450 88

RECAPITULATION.

SALARIES.

Teachers	\$10,831 75
Janitors	849 99
Committee	358 75
	\$12,040 49
Fuel	450 88
	\$12,491 37

147794

\$13,568 1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$11,000 00	
Balance from last year	2,419 61	
Received from State	179 93	
Received for tuition of child from Wakefield	2 75	
	\$13,602 29	
Balance unexpended		1,110 92
		\$13,602 29

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation	\$1700 00
Balance from last year	139 45
	\$1839 45

EXPENDED.

C. A. Eastman, stationery, etc.	\$92 88
J. L. Hammett, sundries	82 95
Hooper, Lewis & Co., pens and paper	22 25
William Ware & Co., books	16 65
Daniel Appleton & Co., books	3 84
Willard Small, books	3 37
Thompson. Brown & Co., books	16 20
M. R. Warren & Co., lithogram	4 50
Knight, Adams & Co., stationery	4 98
Maynard & Noyes, ink	16 00
C. E. Whiting, sheet music and paper	1 98
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	28 05
A. G. Whitman, music paper	2 40
Clifton Fletcher, sundries	2 25
R. P. Barry, sundries	1 88
Babb & Stephens, printing programmes	11 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$311 18

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$311 18
T. W. Ripley, printing orders	2 25
Reynolds & Dunton, printing extra school reports	15 00
Reynolds & Dunton, printing programmes, permits, etc.	9 50
P. D. Meston, binding book	75
Finger Annunciating Co., repairing philosophical apparatus	30 00
E. S. Ritchie & Son, apparatus and chemicals	53 16
G. H. Mason & Co., dusters, pans, etc.	9 75
Wakefield Rattan Co., mats	5 60
Mrs. Kunhardt & Miss Norris, expense	5 00
Mrs. Kunhardt & Mrs. Seaver, expense	9 00
Mrs. M. W. Seaver, expense	3 90
W. W. Boardman, hack	1 00
H. W. Cushman, police services	20 00
R. A. Freeman, carting settees	21 00
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	6 78
G. P. Reed, cleaning clocks and keys furnished	5 35
Thos. Ireland, two clocks and cleaning clock	11 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	4 49
L. F. Hinckley, pail	25
L. W. Gilman, sundries	8 10
J. Singer, Jr., brooms	75
W. H. Wells, brooms, etc.	3 40
T. R. Spear, painting blackboards	21 00
S. P. Rowell, curtains, framing maps, etc.	14 30
M. F. Eastman, expressing	5 10
Wadsworth Bros. & Howland, blackboard dressing	6 00
G. B. Sargent, repairing stamp	75
Walter B. Ellis, 100 yards concrete	37 00
J. C. Howes, labor and stock repairing stoves and furnaces	162 69
G. W. Dew, painting and glazing	78 53
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting and glazing	133 46
W. A. Remick, painting and glazing	121 18
Samuel Ellison, mason work and material	74 97
Benj. Ames, carpenter work	74 15
D. R. Woodward, carpenter work	172 00
Joel Atwood, carpenter work	4 25

Amount carried forward \$1,442 59

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>						\$1442 59
E. N. Sargent, carpenter work	.	.	.	.	.	2 15
Eri Upham, labor	.	.	.	.	.	3 50
John Singer, labor and sundries furnished	.	.	.	.	.	1 45
Augustus Durant, labor and sundries furnished	.	.	.	.	.	9 50
W. F. Serrat, labor and sundries furnished	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
George Snowden, labor on vaults and cesspools	.	.	.	.	.	6 50
Benjamin Stones, labor	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
						\$1,477 94
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	.	.	361 51
						\$1,839 45

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, &c.

William H. Wells, groceries	.	.	.	.	.	\$397 16
L. F. Hinckley, groceries and provisions	.	.	.	.	.	326 70
Bugbee & Barrett	"	"	.	.	.	323 89
L. W. Gilman	"	"	.	.	.	268 71
James Worthen,	"	"	.	.	.	56 50
Warren C. Pierce & Co. groceries	.	.	.	.	.	16 00
C. S. Dennis & Co.	"	.	.	.	.	6 00
A. Wheeler & Co., supplies	.	.	.	.	.	64 00
W. L. Prouty	"	.	.	.	.	20 00
B. R. Upham, supplies, including fuel	.	.	.	.	.	88 79
J. P. Murphy, guardian of A. M. Kelly, supplies, including						
rent and fuel	.	.	.	.	.	355 51
W. J. Farnsworth, supplies, including rent	.	.	.	.	.	139 00
C. F. Shute, milk	.	.	.	.	.	24 60
Edward Duffy	"	.	.	.	.	1 80
T. H. Bottcher	"	.	.	.	.	1 37
James Higgins	"	.	.	.	.	2 80
Daniel Norton, Jr., cash paid Stephen Hyde	.	.	.	.	.	110 00
						\$2,202 83

Fuel.

S E. Benson, wood and coal	\$149 55
James Marshall " "	97 07
Frank R. Upham " "	21 25
D. W. Fitzgerald " "	8 25
	\$276 12

Medical Attendance and Medicine.

Julius S. Clark, M. D.	\$84 00
J. Vincent Smith, M. D.	51 80
Richmond Barss, M. D.	3 00
Dr. P. Wadsworth	19 00
John Larrabee, medicines	27 05
	\$184 85

Burial Expenses.

Ansel B. Pierce, burial Priscilla Crosby	\$25 00
" Daniel Hunt	21 00
	\$46 00

For Support of Insane.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital	\$737 58
Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester	267 89
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	176 03
A. B. Pierce, expense removing persons	4 05
	\$1,185 55

Outside Relief.

City of Boston	\$95 70
" Lynn	53 00
" Somerville	27 55
Town of Malden	472 00
" Woburn	48 00
" Stoneham	24 87
	\$721 12

Rents.

B. R. Upham, 12 months, Mrs. E. C. Grover . . .	\$36 00
W. J. Farnsworth, 6 months, Charles Howard . . .	30 00
W. J. Farnsworth, 11 months, Mrs. H. P. Budd . . .	33 00
Est. S. A. Lynde, 3 months, George A. Palmer . . .	15 00
Est. S. A. Lynde, 9 months, Henry F. Simonds . . .	45 00
James L. Withéy, 2 months, Henry F. Simonds . . .	10 00
S. A. Stevens, 30 weeks, J. H. Howes . . .	60 00
North End Savings Bank, 22 weeks, J. H. Howes . . .	44 00
M. J. Ellis, 3½ months, Mrs. Sanborn . . .	28 00
Est. C. A. Green, 5 months, Mrs. Sanborn . . .	25 00
Timothy Corey, 8 months, William Dutton . . .	28 00
A. B. Rogers, 4 months, William Dutton . . .	14 00
Patrick Murphy, 3 months, Henry Kramer . . .	13 50
John Warren, 8 months, Mrs. J. Callihan . . .	40 00
Dexter Bryant, 5 months, Edward Moore . . .	25 00
Dexter Bryant, 5 months, Mrs. Fitzhenry . . .	20 00
Thomas Mahan, 3 months, Mrs. Fitzhenry . . .	15 00
John W. Cobb, 5 months, Robert H. Terry . . .	20 00
Mary Henney, 4 months, Ellen McCarthy . . .	20 00
Mary Henney, 8 months, Ellen McCarthy . . .	32 00
M. J. Kimball, rent to E. C. Grover . . .	5 70
D. A. Ireson, rent to E. C. Grover . . .	2 25

 \$561 45
Board and Clothing.

Abbie Barter, board of Mrs. L. G. Davis and child, 40 w'ks	\$120 00
Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 40 weeks . . .	160 00
Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 14 weeks . . .	35 00
Abbie Barter, clothing for Phœbe M. Waitt . . .	4 00
Florence E. Upham, board of Arthur J. Richardson, 50 w'ks	150 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for Arthur J. Richardson . . .	3 50
Joseph W. Simonds, board of Abigail Connor, 52 weeks . . .	156 00
Joseph W. Simonds, clothing for Abigail Connor . . .	5 00
Ellen Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 18 weeks . . .	45 00
A. M. Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 40 weeks . . .	100 00
Samuel Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 52 weeks . . .	132 00
S. J. Haraden, board of Abby G. Fuller, 37 weeks . . .	74 00

 \$984 50

Sundries.

C. G. Harris, dry goods	\$26 81
S. F. Barrett, tickets to travellers	2 10
S. L. Walton, meals, etc., tramps	11 75
R. A. Freeman, moving furniture	12 50
William T. Hill, filling tick	60
J. C. Howes, stove pipe and lining	2 70
Holbrook & Hunt, grate, etc.	2 00
E. W. Dowling, hats	2 80
Samuel Sprague, boots, shoes, etc.	18 85
George Newhall, boots, shoes, etc.	36 45
H. G. Fields, expense, cash paid	30 76
A. B. Pierce, expense, removing juveniles	3 30
Family of George R. Spear, expense to New York	15 00
	\$165 62

Recapitulation.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, &c.	\$2,202 83
Fuel	276 12
Medical attendance and medicines	184 85
Burial expenses	46 00
Support of insane	1,185 55
Outside relief	721 12
Rents	561 45
Board and clothing	984 50
Sundries	165 62
	\$6,328 04

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
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RECEIPTS.

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$154 74
city of Boston	196 75
city of Somerville	131 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$482 99</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$482 99	
From town of Malden	.	.	.	487 50	
town of Wenham	.	.	.	40 20	
town of Yarmouth	.	.	.	5 00	
town of Stoneham	.	.	.	31 40	
H. G. Fields, money refunded by persons assisted	.	.	.	129 25	
D. Alvin Lynde, board of wife at Danvers	.	.	.	199 03	
Peter Edgerly, board of daughter at Danvers	.	.	.	166 71	
					\$1542 08
Total	.	.	.		5,542 08
Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts	.	.	.		785 96
					\$6,328 04

The following claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department:—

From State of Massachusetts	.	.	.	.	.	\$100 68
city of Boston*	.	.	.	.	.	96 50
city of Somerville	.	.	.	.	.	85 00
						\$282 18

*Received since Jan. 1, 1881.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$800 00
Balance from last year	.	.	.	.	.	.	130 67

RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses:—

Moses Briggs	.	.	.	.	\$2 00	
John R. Jones	.	.	.	.	2 00	
Nelson Cochran	.	.	.	.	2 00	
Jacob Kimball	.	.	.	.	2 00	
						\$8 00
						\$938 67

EXPENDED.

Craig & Tucker, Diebold safe	\$243 00
Reynolds & Dunton, printing annual reports, 1879	177 78
Reynolds & Dunton, print'g warrants, bills, advertising, etc.	59 00
G. W. Reynolds, printing warrants and notices	18 00
T. W. Ripley, printing tax bills, etc.,	19 50
A. W. Haskell, collector's book	3 50
Knight, Adams & Co., stationery	7 09
Hooper, Lewis & Co., books for Assessors	4 50
G. W. Bartlett, teams furnished	30 00
C. S. Dennis & Co., damage to horse	50 00
Crystal Lake Fishing Association, alewives furnished	12 50
Battery "C," M. V. M., firing salute July 5	50 00
W. H. Stone, lamp post and lamp	15 00
Wiggin & Fernald, legal services and advice	12 00
A. B. Pierce, distributing warrants and serving notices	37 50
A. B. Pierce, returning 49 deaths, 1880	12 25
John Larrabee, collecting, recording and returning births deaths and marriages, 1879	64 85
John Larrabee, services preparing reports, 1879, regis- ter of voters, check lists, etc.	30 00
John Larrabee, cash paid for stationery, etc.	6 20
Nelson Cochran, surveying	11 50
R. R. Spear, lettering ballot boxes	1 00
Twitchell & Blodgett, police badges	4 50
Henry Barron, expressing	2 30
Little, Brown & Co., Herricks' Town Officer	3 00
J. C. Brock, vote register	1 07
S. L. Walton, ringing bell	6 00
Augustus Durant, ringing bell	6 00
O. K. Stebbins, ringing bell	4 00
Samuel Lear, ringing bell	6 00

 \$898 04
Board of Health Department.

G. W. Bartlett, teams furnished	\$6 00
John Larrabee, chemicals and medicines	2 30
G. W. Reynolds, advertising	9 00
J. A. Lambert, services fumigating house	5 00

 22 30

Judkins Case.

Paid referees:—

J. Vincent Smith, M. D.	.	.	\$10 00
J. L. Sullivan, M. D.	.	.	10 00
H. G. Fields, expense	.	.	4 00
			24 00
			\$944 34

Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts \$5 67

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2000 00
Balance from last year	.	.	.	.	.	.	37 51
							\$2,037 51

EXPENDED.

BIGELOW HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	.	.	.	.	.	\$494 99
Services of steward, one year	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
W. J. Silver, rope	.	.	.	.	.	1 74
T. B. Johnson, stock and labor	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
Bagnall & Loud, blocks	.	.	.	.	.	7 20
T. McCoubry, guy poles, hooks, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	3 20
						\$551 63

RUSSELL HOSE COMPANY, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	.	.	.	.	.	\$300 00
Services of steward, one year	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 4200 feet gas	.	.	.	.	.	12 60
Albon W. Parker, painting	.	.	.	.	.	3 25
Bugbee & Barrett, 3 tons coal	.	.	.	.	.	16 77
L. F. Hinckley, oil, matches, cans, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	7 64
						\$380 26

N. D. BLAKE HOSE COMPANY, No. 2.

Services of 15 men, 1 year	\$300 00
Services of steward one year	40 00
L. W. Gilman, rent one year	150 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 4300 feet gas	12 90
Bugbee & Barrett, ton coal	5 59
L. F. Hinckley, rope, oil and broom	1 27
J. C. Howes, stove pipe and labor	7 95
T. McCoubry, repairing wheel, tire, etc.	1 40
	\$519 11

HIGHLAND HOSE COMPANY, No. 3.

Services of men, one year	\$275 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Holbrook & Lafreniere, stock and labor	6 31
Bugbee & Barrett, 2 tons coal	11 18
Samuel Lear, stock and labor	30 05
L. F. Hinckley, rope	1 00
John Singer, Jr., sundries	4 66
	\$368 20

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

J. A. Thomas, services as engineer, 1879,	\$20 00
L. F. Hinckley, " " 1879,	10 40
F. E. Howe, " " 1879,	8 25
J. A. Thomas, keys	60
Board of Engineers, 1880, six month services	37 50
	\$76 75

RECAPITULATION.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company	\$551 63
Russell Hose Company	380 26
N. D. Blake Hose Company	519 11
Highland Hose Company	368 20
Contingent expenses	76 75
	\$1,895 95

Appropriation	\$2000 00	
Balance from last year	37 51	
	\$2,037 51	
Balance unexpended		141 56
		\$2,037 51

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Balance from last year expended for Concrete Crossings, per vote of town.	

EXPENDED.

Under direction of Surveyors Marshall, Fuller and Ellis, previous to annual meeting :

JAMES MARSHALL.

Paid laborers, 4½ days, at \$1.50 per day	\$6 75
teams, 6 days, at \$1.25 per day	7 50
James Marshall, 5½ days, at \$2.00 per day	11 00
James Marshall, 280 loads gravel at 8 cts.	22 40
Bugbee & Barrett, nails	90
	\$48 55

GEORGE P. FULLER.

Paid laborers, 2½ days, at \$1.50 per day	\$3 75
teams, 3 days, at \$1.25 per day	3 75
Geo. P. Fuller, 3 days, at \$2.00 per day	6 00
	\$13 50

WALTER B. ELLIS.

Paid laborers, 4 days, at \$1.50 per day	.	.	.	\$6 00
teams, $4\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.25 per day	.	.	.	5 94
W. B. Ellis, 6 days, at \$2.00 per day	.	.	.	12 00
				\$23 94

Under direction of A. Wilbur Lynde, Surveyor, from March 1, 1880 to Jan. 1, 1881.

Paid laborers, 1073 days, at \$1.50 per day	.	.	.	\$1,609 32
teams, $371\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	.	.	.	556 86
A. W. Lynde, 91 days, at \$2.00 per day	.	.	.	182 00
				\$2,348 18

FOR GRAVEL.

Heirs Joseph Lynde, 2,000 loads	.	.	.	.	\$160 00
Nelson Cochran, 454 loads	.	.	.	.	36 32
J. Oscar Lynde, 119 loads	.	.	.	.	9 52
Louisa Lynde, 71 loads	.	.	.	.	5 68
Otis Howard, 75 loads	.	.	.	.	6 00
W. B. Ellis, 158 loads	.	.	.	.	15 80
A. W. Lynde, 75 loads	.	.	.	.	6 00
Dexter Bryant, 82 loads	.	.	.	.	6 56
John Larrabee, 49 loads	.	.	.	.	3 92
Asa Church, 30 loads	.	.	.	.	2 40
Total	3,113				\$252 20
2955 loads at 8 cents	.	.	.	\$236 40	
158 loads at 10 cents	.	.	.	15 80	
				\$252 20	

SUNDRIES.

A. W. Lynde, plank	.	.	.	.	.	\$1 50
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools	.	.	.	.	.	34 30
Edwards Bros., sharpening tools	.	.	.	.	.	12 15
J. P. Deering & Co., posts, etc., for railing	.	.	.	.	.	14 50
Bugbee & Barrett, powder, fuse and nails	.	.	.	.	.	2 11
						\$64 56

Table showing amount of labor performed each month, and cost of same :

1880.	No. Days.	Surveyors.	No. Days	Laborers.	No. Days.	Teams.	Total.
Jan. and Feb.	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	*\$29 00	11	*\$16 50	13 $\frac{3}{4}$	*\$17 19	*\$62 69
March .	7	14 00	133	199 50	58	87 00	300 50
April .	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	41 00	374 $\frac{3}{4}$	562 04	134 $\frac{3}{4}$	202 12	805 16
May .	18	36 00	256 $\frac{1}{4}$	384 33	85 $\frac{1}{4}$	127 87	548 20
June .	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	37 50	181 $\frac{1}{4}$	271 85	52	78 00	387 35
July .	10	20 00	70 $\frac{1}{2}$	105 75	13	19 50	145 25
October .	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	14 50	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	30 36	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 37	54 23
November .	5	10 00	26	38 99	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 75	58 74
December .	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 00	11	16 50	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 25	48 75
	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	211 00	1084	1625 82	385	574 05	2410 87

*Expended under direction of Surveyors Marshall, Fuller and Ellis; remainder of the year under Surveyor A. Wilbur Lynde.

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Expended previous to March 1, 1880 .	\$85 99
Expended under direction of Surveyor Lynde.	
Labor and teams	2,348 18
Gravel	252 20
Sundries	64 56
	\$2,750 93
Balance unexpended	249 07
	\$3,000 00

MELROSE WATER FUND.

Jan. 1, 1880. To the credit of the account . . .	\$297 86
Appropriations :—	
for the use of the water	\$2,000 00
for maintenance	1,500 00
for deficiency, construction account, 1879	906 03
Received from A. Lane, Superintendent, cash at various times, water-rates collected, etc.	10,601 58
	\$15,305 47

EXPENDED.

Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 per cent per annum	\$9,000 00
bills on account of construction and maintenance (for a detailed statement of which, see Commissioners' report)	2,407 46
Treasurer of Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners, per order, surplus over expenses for 1879	1,203 89
	\$12,611 35
Jan. 1, 1881, To the credit of the account	2,694 12
	\$15,305 47

TOWN HALL.

No appropriation.

EXPENDED.

Samuel L. Walton, services as janitor one year	\$200 00
Charles Taylor, stock and labor	186 55
Malden and Melrose G. L. Co., 79,700 feet gas	239 10
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$625 65

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$625 65
F. M. Holmes & Co., mats	12 00
Bugbee & Barrett, 34 $\frac{695}{2000}$ tons coal	192 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	5 40
John Larrabee, sundries	1 00
W. J. Silver, repairing flag	1 00
Samuel Ellison, whitewashing lockup	3 00
J. C. Howes, stock and labor	2 80
Thomas Cunningham, testing boiler	3 40
Albon W. Parker, paint and labor	7 25
	\$853 50

RECEIPTS.

Melrose Savings Bank, rent one year	\$50 00
Lilliputian Opera Company	25 00
C. E. Keith's Benefit	25 00
Mrs. G. N. Bordman's concert, 2 nights	40 00
James Murphy	25 00
Kate Bowers' Concert Company	25 00
Wyoming Musical Association	25 00
H. E. Robinson's Benefit	30 00
Society Prevention Cruelty to Children	15 00
C. H. Isburgh	35 00
Republican committee	52 03
Democratic committee	10 00
S. L. Walton, for old iron sold	80
Melrose Lyceum	200 00
	\$557 83
Expenditures exceed receipts	295 67
	\$853 50

DRAINAGE, BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation	\$600 00
Balance from last year	49 37
	\$649 37

EXPENDED.

J. A. Harrington, (award of County Commissioners in 1875) for land taken in widening Ell Pond brook	\$40 00
Waldo Brothers, drain pipe	80 27
Henry J. Rice, edge stone, etc.	35 70
M. I. Newhall, bridge stone	24 00
A. W. Lynde, 900 bricks	7 20
B. & M. R. R. Co., old ties	3 66
W. B. Ellis, clearing Eli Pond brook	40 00
J. P. Deering, lumber	10 60
S. E. Benson, sand and cement	3 75

For Labor and Teams.

A. W. Lynde, 24 days' labor at \$2.00 per day	48 00
Laborers, 117 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' labor at \$1.50 per day	175 85
Teams, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor at \$1.50 per day,	38 25
	\$507 28
Balance unexpended	142 09
	\$649 37

DRAINAGE EMERSON STREET.

(Near Depot.)

No appropriation.

EXPENDED.

Paid for Labor and Teams.

A. W. Lynde, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$2.00 per day	\$21 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$21 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$21 00
Laborers, 108½ days at \$1.50 per day	162 75
Teams, 24 days at \$1.50 per day	36 00
	\$219 75
Paid Dexter Pratt, services	14 00
Walter B. Ellis, 59 yards concrete gutter at 37	
cents per yard	21 83
	\$255 58

ARMORY RENT.

Received from State Treasurer, rent for one year to Jan.	
1, 1881	\$600 00
Paid Henry A. Lecuard, rent to Jan. 1, 1881,	600 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Balance from last year	240 12
	\$1,740 12

EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston for lighting	
and care of 121 lamps, 5 months	\$618 25
121 " 3 "	249 99
125 " 4 "	333 32
One iron lamp-post, frame and copper lantern	15 87
	\$1,217 43
Balance unexpended	522 69
	\$1740 12

ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation	\$100 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Co. for 4 iron posts, frames and lanterns	\$60 00
5 lanterns	28 75
	\$88 75
Balance unexpended	11 25
	\$100 00

INSURANCE.

Balance on hand	\$233 05
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EXPENDED.

Paid H. H. Westgate, insurance agent, policy of \$8,000 for 5 years, on Centre School building, and on Highland Hose House \$800	85 80
Balance unexpended	\$147 25

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

For 2 lots sold residents, at \$50 each	\$100 00
“ “ “ at \$55 each	110 00
From residents on account of lots sold	105 00
For lots sold non-residents: One for	150 00
One for	165 00
For graves sold: Non-residents	24 00
Residents	33 00
From non-resident for use of tomb	1 00
	\$688 00

EXPENDED.

Paid for labor: 174 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	\$262 06
5 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$2 per day	11 50
Paid for teams: 37 days, at \$1.50 per day	55 50
Jacob W. Manning, 50 spruce trees	12 50
Nelson Cochran, surveying	24 50
A. E. Upham, making plan	2 00
Aaron Tay, sodding, etc., half lot	5 00
Eri Upham, 2,274 feet sod	22 74
Philip Stevens, street signs "	19 50
H. E. Wiley, plants	15 00
A. B. Pierce, expense, for tomb	4 00
Reynolds & Dunton, printing	2 00
John Larrabee, expense, re-setting stones	1 95
services on committee	25 00
George Newhall, " "	25 00
	\$488 25

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	409 99
	\$2,409 99

EXPENDED.

Daniel Norton, Jr., Selectman and Overseer	
of Poor	\$200 00
Joseph F. Boyd, Selectman and Overseer of	
Poor	200 00
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman	
Overseers of Poor	250 00
John Larrabee, Town Clerk	175 00
George Newhall, Treasurer	275 00
George C. Stantial, Assessor 1880	150 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,250 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,250 00	
James C. Currier, Assessor 1880	150 00	
Dexter Pratt, Assessor 1880	150 00	
George C. Stantial, extra services, making duplicate valuation book, 1880	50 00	
George C. Stantial, Assessor, balance, services 1879	25 00	
James C. Currier, Assessor, balance, services 1879	25 00	
Dexter Pratt, Assessor, balance, services 1879,	25 00	
John R. Norton, Auditor 1879	15 00	
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor 1879	15 00	
Ernest Mendum, Auditor 1879	15 00	
John R. Jones, Collector, one-half of 1 per cent. for collecting taxes of 1878, \$20,- 989.00	104 94	
John R. Jones, Collector, one-half of 1 per cent. for collecting taxes of 1879, \$57,- 481.35	287 15	
		\$2,112 09
Unexpended balance		297 90
		<u>\$2,409 99</u>

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$7,700 00
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year 1879	922 76
Balance from last year	324 66
	<u>\$8,947 42</u>

EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds (\$65,000) at 7 per cent.	\$4,550 00
on notes made to R. G. Shedd, as trustee	1,680 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$6,230 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$6,230 00
Interest on notes to Lowell Institution for Savings .	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	600 00
on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes .	501 79
	\$8,531 79
Balance unexpended	415 63
	\$8,947 42

POLICE AND NIGHT-WATCHMEN.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Balance from last year	10 09
	\$810 09

EXPENDED.

A. B. Pierce, 592 hours	\$148 00
" 177 nights	265 50
Samuel L. Walton, 70 hours	17 50
196 nights	294 00
Joseph Holbrook, 356 hours	89 00
H. W. Cushman, 120 hours	30 00
A. C. Chick, 307½ hours	76 87
H. B. Newhall, 34 hours	8 50
Benjamin Gallupe, special services and ex- penses	65 00
	\$994 37
Expenditures exceed . \$184 28	

STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of amount paid during year 1879	\$1,241 50
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PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING YEAR
1880.

Samuel Sprague	\$120 00
Isaac C. Dowling	120 00
George C. Buckman	120 00
William Story	120 00
George A. Tainter	120 00
Horace W. Cushman	120 00
Luzon Weeks	72 00
Joseph S. Eastman	72 00
Theodore L. Palmer	72 00
Sara E. Stilphen	48 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Harriet N. Lynde	48 00
Angus McDonald	36 00
Edward Fitzgerald, one month	1 50
Charles H. Young, 8 months	48 00
	\$1,309 50

MILITARY AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of aid paid in
1879 \$63 00

[Sums paid under provisions chap. 252, Acts of 1879.]

Avery B. Howard	\$103 00
Daniel D. Penney	56 00
Martin Shannon	51 50
George W. Grover, Jr.	116 25
Philip McMahan	77 50
William J. Riley	102 75
Wm. H. Richardson	77 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$584 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	\$584 50
Moses P. Mitchell	.	.	.	.	.	56 50
Ede K. Chase	.	.	.	.	.	63 75
Edwin H. Downing	.	.	.	.	.	26 00
William H. Earl	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
Josiah R. York	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
						\$737 75

TOWN HALL.

IMPROVEMENT OF GROUNDS, ETC.

Paid Boston & Maine R. R. freight on granite . . .	\$41 71
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MAIN STREET CEMETERY.

Appropriation	\$250 00
Paid Walter B. Ellis for labor performed under direction of Aaron Green, special committee	190 00
Balance unexpended	\$60 00

FRANKLIN STREET.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Received from Joseph F. Boyd for stone sold . . .	28 05
	\$328 05

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EXPENDED.

Paid Ammi C. Chick for blasting stone and widening street, as per contract	\$300 00
Paid A. W. Lynde, for labor and teams 2 days, at \$2.00 per day	\$4 00
“ 12½ days at \$1.50 per day	18 75
teams 3½ days at \$1.50 per day	5 25
	\$28 00
	\$328 00
Balance	05

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation authorized, dog tax and	\$500 00
Received from Amos Stone, County Treasurer, dog tax for 1879	392 16
	\$892 16
Paid to E. H. Goss, on orders from Trustees	\$892 16

CONCRETE CROSSINGS.

Appropriation, unexpended balance from Highway Account for 1879, as per vote of the town	\$361 54
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EXPENDED.

Paid Walter B. Ellis, for laying 448 square yards concrete at 50 cents per yard	\$224 00
Paid Peris R. Ellis, for laying 245½ square yards concrete at 50 cents per yard	122 75
	\$346 75
Balance unexpended	14 79
	\$361 54

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation \$1,000 00

RECEIPTS.

Frank W. Hamlin	\$12 09
Robert Burlen	10 84
A. J. Bodge	10 16
Provincetown Savings Bank	15 38
Nathaniel Howard	10 97
W. J. Farnsworth	72 72
Masonic Association	14 03
J. P. Averill	5 61
W. A. Remick	7 71
H. H. Westgate	12 33
C. A. Patch	5 73
Simeon Locke	17 94
	\$195 51
	\$1,195 51

EXPENDED.

Paid Peris R. Ellis, one-half the expense of laying 683.22 square yards concrete, at 37 cents per yard	\$126 51
Peris R. Ellis (for laying 1,617.14 square yards, at 37 cents per yard,)	598 33
	\$724 84
Walter B. Ellis, one-half the expense of laying 2,759.52 square yards concrete, at 37 cents per yard	\$510 51
John G. McConnell, one-half of expense laying (in 1879) 32 square yards concrete, at 34 cents per yard	5 44
Ellen Wing, one-half of expense laying (in 1879) 45 square yards concrete, at 34 cents per yard,	7 65
	\$1,248 44
Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts \$52 93	

Bills have been presented and are due this de-

partment from Timothy Corey	\$29 10
William Larrabee	35 89
Mary Lynde	30 95
	\$95 94

Concrete walks have been laid in front of estates owned or occupied by the following named persons : —

	Square yards*
John G. McConnell, Main Street	32.
Ellen Wing, Main Street	45.
George Newhall, Green Street	34.
Emery Close, Emerson Street	47.50
S. E. Benson, Tremont Street	43.
C. M. Field, Lebanon Street	98.
L. W. Gilman, Wyoming Avenue	76.
A. R. Potter, Ashland Street	48.66
G. W. Chipman, Ashland Street	83.33
M. F. Eastman, Main Street	47.
Joseph Edwards, Main Street	38.33
Harriet A. Avery, Upham Street	34.
Eliza Robinson, Willow Street	91.50
George Hart, Hurd Street	179.33
Moses Briggs, Ashland Street	83.
Esther C. Ray, Ashland Street	55.
Charles O. Boyd, Willow Street	44.
— Pichard, Ashland Street	48.75
Mark Safford, Willow Street	40.
Solon Dow, Upham Street	71.
F. E. Orcutt, Upham Street	34.50
A. M. Nelson, Ashland Street	42.75
John A. Keene, Ashland Street	57.
C. A. Messenger, Ashland Street	159.75
William J. Farnsworth, Grove Street	250.55
Masonic Temple, corner Main St. and Wyoming Avenue,	75.8
John P. Averill, Main Street	30.33
C. A. Patch, "	31.

Square yards.

H. H. Westgate, Main Street	.	.	.	.	.	66.66
Timothy Corey, "	.	.	.	.	.	157.33
William A. Remick, "	.	.	.	.	.	42.
William Larrabee, "	.	.	.	.	.	194.
Mary Lynde, "	.	.	.	.	.	167.33
Nathaniel Howard, "	.	.	.	.	.	59.33
Provincetown Savings Bank, Main Street	.	.	.	.	.	83.10
Frank W. Hamlin, Grove Street	.	.	.	.	.	65.33
Robert Burlen, "	.	.	.	.	.	58.61
Simeon Locke, "	.	.	.	.	.	96.94
A. J. Bodge, "	.	.	.	.	.	54.91
Thomas Hawkins, "	.	.	.	.	.	41.39
William J. Farnsworth, "	.	.	.	.	.	142.53
Alfred Hocking, Emerson Street	.	.	.	.	.	66.67
Robert Burlen, Emerson Street	.	.	.	.	.	69.37
William F. Conant, Prospect Street	.	.	.	.	.	65.63
Liberty Bigelow, Foster Street	.	.	.	.	.	213.71
Estate corner Florence Street and Wyoming Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	85.42
LaFayette Burr, Wyoming Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	87.07
William F. Morse, "	.	.	.	.	.	79.75
J. A. Worthen, "	.	.	.	.	.	73.06
George Phillips, "	.	.	.	.	.	63.
Jefferson Lowe, "	.	.	.	.	.	59.86
— Milton, "	.	.	.	.	.	55.11
S. S. Bugbee, "	.	.	.	.	.	66.47
— Brown, "	.	.	.	.	.	58.21
Rufus Leavitt, "	.	.	.	.	.	152.80
J. R. Jones, Berwick Street	.	.	.	.	.	62.56
John S. Austin, Vine Street	.	.	.	.	.	56.11
G. W. Stevens, Myrtle Street	.	.	.	.	.	24.27
J. S. Clark, Essex Street	.	.	.	.	.	143.
Thomas McCoubry, Essex Street	.	.	.	.	.	46.84
A. V. Lynde, Franklin Street	.	.	.	.	.	40.
L. H. Curtis, Wyoming Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	106.55
Boston & Maine Railroad, Wyoming Avenue	.	.	.	.	.	29.75
J. C. Ingalls, Main Street	.	.	.	.	.	98.
T. S. Love, "	.	.	.	.	.	32.16
G. W. Stevens, "	.	.	.	.	.	49.46
Methodist-Episcopal Society, Main Street	.	.	.	.	.	113.19

TABULAR STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AGAINST APPROPRIATIONS, 1880.

Departments.	Appro. 1880.	Bal'ces from last y'r.	Receipts.	Exp'ded.	Bal'ces Unex	Defici- ency.
School Fund.....	\$11000 00	\$2419 61	\$182 68	\$12491 37	\$1110 92	.....
School Contingent.....	1700 00	139 45	.....	1477 94	361 51	.....
Contingent Expenses	800 00	130 67	8 00	944 34	.....	\$5 67
Poor Fund	4000 00	.....	1542 08	6328 04	.....	785 96
Fire Department.....	2000 00	37 51	.....	1895 95	141 56	.....
Town Hall.....	.....	.....	557 83	853 50	.....	295 67
Street Lights.....	1500 00	240 12	.....	1217 43	522 69	.....
Police and Watchmen.....	800 00	10 09	.....	994 37	.....	184 28
Salaries.....	2000 00	409 99	.....	2112 09	297 90	.....
State Aid.....	.....	.....	1241 50	1309 50	.....	.....
Water Fund.....	3500 00	297 86	10301 58	11407 46	2694 12	.....
Drainage.....	600 00	49 37	.....	507 28	142 09	.....
Armory Rent.....	.....	.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....
Main Street Cemetery.....	250 00	.....	.....	190 00	60 00	.....
Franklin Street	300 00	.....	28 05	328 00	05	.....
Insurance .....	.....	233 05	.....	85 80	147 25	.....
Wyoming Cemetery.....	.....	.....	688 00	488 25	199 75	.....
Additional Street Lamps.....	100 00	.....	.....	88 75	11 25	.....
Sidewalks.....	1000 00	.....	195 51	1248 44	.....	52 93
Crossings.....	.....	*361 54	.....	346 75	14 79	.....
Military Aid.....	.....	.....	63 00	737 75	.....	.....
Highways.....	3000 00	.....	.....	2750 93	249 07	.....
Drainage Emerson Street.....	.....	.....	.....	255 58	.....	255 58
Town Hall, impr'g grounds, etc.	.....	.....	.....	41 71	.....	.....
Interest.....	7700 00	324 66	†922 76	8531 79	415 63	.....
Public Library.....	500 00	.....	392 16	892 16	.....	.....
State Tax.....	.....	.....	.....	3570 00	.....	.....
County Tax.....	.....	.....	.....	1793 96	.....	.....
Water Loan Sinking Fund.....	.....	.....	.....	1203 89	.....	.....
Reduction of Debt.....	4250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiencies.....	1639 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deficiencies Water Construction	906 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corporation Tax.....	.....	.....	2071 85	.....	.....	.....
Bank Tax.....	.....	.....	763 69	277 20	.....	.....
Soldiers' Relief.....	.....	.....	117 75	.....	.....	.....
	\$47545 61	\$4653 92	\$19976 44	\$64970 23	\$6368 58	\$1580 09

*From Highway accounts, as per vote of the town.

† Interest collected on taxes of 1879.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in the treasury Jan. 20, 1880	\$2,272 74
Total receipts for the year	112,869 97
	\$115,142 71
Total disbursements for the year	114,470 23
Cash in the treasury Jan. 24, 1881	\$672 48

PERMANENT LOANS.

Paid note made to R. G. Shedd, Trustee, due Dec. 1, 1880, interest 7 per cent.	\$12,500 00
Paid note made to R. G. Shedd, Trustee, due Dec. 1, 1880, interest 7 per cent.	11,500 00
	\$24,000 00
Borrowed on notes to Commonwealth of Massachu- setts, due Dec. 1, 1881, interest 4 per cent . .	\$5,000 00
Borrowed on notes to Commonwealth of Massachu- setts, due Dec. 1, 1882, interest 4 per cent . .	5,000 00
	\$10,000 00

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Paid note of previous year	\$12,000 00
Borrowed in anticipation of taxes during the year . .	\$25,500 00
Paid notes borrowed as above	13,500 00
Outstanding,	\$12,000 00

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1, 1881.

BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1, 1892	50,000 00
Town Hall bond, due Oct. 1, 1892	65,000 00
	\$215,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Notes Outstanding.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due		
Oct. 15, 1883, interest 6 per cent. .	\$5,000 00	
Lowell Institution for Savings, due		
Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent. .	20,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due		
Oct. 15, 1888, interest 6 per cent. .	5,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due		
Dec. 1, 1881, interest 4 per cent. .	5,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due		
Dec. 1, 1882, interest 4 per cent. .	5,000 00	
		\$40,000 00

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Alvah A. Smith of Boston, due Dec 24, 1881, interest 4 per cent.	12,000 00	
		\$267,000 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on account of State aid	\$1,309 50	
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of military aid	368 67	
Bills due on poor account	282 18	
Uncollected taxes :—		
1878	\$394 92	
1879	719 51	
1880	21,755 04	
		22,869 47
Water Loan Sinking Fund	5,385 00	
Cash in the treasury	672 48	
		\$30,887 30
Net debt more than assets available	236,112 70	
		\$267,000 00

Respectfully submitted.

E. and O. excepted.

GEO. NEWHALL,

Treasurer.

MELROSE, Jan. 24, 1881.

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

Jan. 20, 1880. Cash in treasury \$2,272 74

RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer:—

On account of School Fund	\$179 93	
Armory rent, 1880	600 00	
State aid, 1879	1,241 50	
Corporation tax, 1879	63 89	
“ “ 1880	2,007 96	
Bank tax, 1879	20 93	
“ “ 1880	742 76	
Relief to soldiers	117 75	
Military aid, 1879	63 00	
		5,037 72

From various sources:—

On account of Poor Fund	\$1,542 08	
School Fund	2 75	
Contingent Fund	8 00	
Sidewalks	195 51	
For use of Town Hall	557 83	
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1879	392 16	
For lots, graves, &c., Wyoming Cemetery	688 00	
From A. Lane, superintendent, water rates		
collected, &c.	10,601 58	
For stone sold from Franklin street	28 05	
		14,015 96

TAXES.

From A. B. Pierce, Collector:—

Taxes for 1873	\$56 00	
1877	228 80	
		284 80

From John R. Jones, Collector:—

Taxes for 1878	\$488 20	
1879	24,978 26	
		25,466 46

From Moses Briggs, Collector:—

Taxes for 1880	32,565 03	
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TEMPORARY LOANS.

Received on Treasurer's notes	35,500 00	
		\$115,142 71

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE. CR.

By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows:—

School Fund	\$12,491 37	
School contingent expenses	1,477 94	
Contingent Fund	924 34	
Poor Fund	6,313 04	
Fire Department	1,895 95	
Town Hall	853 50	
Street-lights	1,217 43	
Cemetery	488 25	
Police	994 37	
Town officers' salaries	2,112 09	
State aid	1,309 50	
Water Fund	2,407 46	
Drainage	507 28	
Armory rent	600 00	
Main Street Cemetery	190 00	
Insurance	85 80	
Additional Street Lamps	88 75	
Concrete sidewalks	1,248 44	
Concrete crossings	346 75	
Military aid	737 75	
Highways	2,750 93	
Drainage Emerson Street	255 58	
Franklin Street	328 00	
Improvement on Town Hall grounds	41 71	
		\$39,666 23

By paid interest on Water Fund bonds	\$9,000 00	
interest on notes and Town-hall		
bonds	8,531 79	
order of Overseers of Poor	15 00	
order of Trustees Public Library	892 16	
Referees Judkins case	20 00	
State tax, 1880	3,570 00	
County tax, 1880	1,793 96	
National Bank tax (refunded)	277 20	
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking		
Fund	1,203 89	
		\$25,304 00

TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's notes	49,500 00	
		\$114,470 23
Jan. 24, 1881. By cash in the treasury	672 48	
		\$115,142 71

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the Treasurer's books, and find them correctly kept, and vouchers to correspond therewith.

The amount reported "Balance on hand Jan. 29, 1881," we find standing to the credit of the Town of Melrose on the books of the Everett and Freeman's National Banks, of Boston.

We were unable to audit the Treasurer's account with the Collector, the same not being complete, as the Assessors had not certified to the Treasurer the amount of taxes committed to the Collector for collection or the amount of abatements made by them, if any, as per vote of the Town March 12, 1879, and the Collector having failed to turn over to the Treasurer, with the moneys collected, the stubs of the tax bills, as per the same vote.

We were unable to audit the Collector's books, as he stated they were not complete at that time, but his receipts for money paid to the Treasurer corresponded with the amount to his credit on the Treasurer's books.

We would recommend that in future the Collector be *required* to turn in the *stubs*, in order that the accounts may be audited and his report verified.

We have also examined the account of E. H. Goss, Treasurer of the Public Library Trustees, and find the same to be correct and vouchers therefor. We would suggest that in future the bills against the Library Fund be first approved by the Trustees and then by the Selectmen, as other bills now are, as provided for in the By-Laws, Sect. 3, Art. II.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK E. ORCUTT,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
JOHN R. NORTON,	
ERNEST MENDUM,	

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1880.

Number of inhabitants	4,443
of children 5 to 15 years of age	888
of dwellings	1,001
of horses	286
of cows	169
of dogs	231
of acres of land taxed (about)	2,728
Value of real estate	\$3,356,000 00
of personal estate	294,384 00

Total valuation \$3,650,384 00

Rate of taxation, \$14.25 per \$1,000.

Amount of appropriations	\$47,545 61
of State tax	3,570 00
of County tax	1,793 96
of overlay	1,498 40
	\$54,407 97

Assessed as follows:—

Number of polls, 1,195.

Amount of tax on polls, \$2 each	\$2,390 00
of tax on real estate	47,823 00
of tax on personal estate	4,194 97

Amount of warrant committed to the Collector . \$54,407 97

Additional assessments	34 26
“ “ women	27 65

\$54,469 88

Less abatements 217 95

Net amount, January 1, 1881 \$54,251 93

On which there has been collected . . \$32,496 89

And interest 67 68

ABATEMENTS 1880.

Lucius Beebe & Sons	\$7 12	John Gateley Estate	\$3 81
Levi Miles Estate	4 95	George E. Phillips	2 13
Mrs. R. M. McLaughlin	4 56	Thomas Keating	1 64
Mrs. Elizabeth Woodward	5 67	Mrs. Z. Butler	2 47
Mrs. Mary G. Vinton	1 03	Mrs. B. H. Rowe	5 00
William H. Jones	1 05	Orin Brown	1 42
Charles Barrett Estate	7 81	T. J. Kimball Estate	87
John Hurley Estate	4 43	Benjamin Clapp & Co.	2 85
Matthew Cassells	2 84	Timothy Corey	6 67
Levi Green, guard'n Cordelia	2 85	James Sayse	20 67
Mrs. John Collegan	12 07	Miss Nancy S. Wilson	7 12
Mrs. Lyman Elmes	1 55	Mrs. Samuel Fiske	13 37
Mrs. Abigail Cutler	4 21	William Hallahan	2 00
Mrs. Louisa Kendall	4 93	Mrs. Lucy S. Whorf	4 57
Mrs. Miner L. Ray	8 07	Miss Louisa Lynde	7 00
Mrs. B. R. Higgins	1 10	Miss H. Whitney	12 05
Mrs. C. W. Clinckard	4 62	C. H. Simpson	17 09
Miss Joanna Stackpole	4 23	A. W. Brainard	1 90
Mrs. Ann M. Stevens	3 20	Uriah Huntley	73
Mrs. S. S. Twombly	7 12		
Mrs. Caroline E. Stevens	3 39		
Mrs. C. A. Shattuck	7 79		
			\$217 95

FOR YEAR 1879.

Net amount of Collector's book Jan. 1, 1880, as per	
last report	\$57,517 60
Additional assessments in 1880	52 10
	\$57,569 70
Abatements made in 1880	391 63

Net amount Jan. 1, 1881	\$57,178 07
On which there has been collected	\$56,458 56
And interest	972 79

ABATEMENTS ON 1879, DURING 1880.

Mrs. Louisa Kendall	\$6 88	Michael Powers	33 12
Mrs. Miner L. Ray	18 88	Miss L. Lynde	18 00
Miss Cynthia Howard	6 38	Henry Robinson	15 88
Robert Emerson	60	Mrs. H. A. Avery	6 08
William Coyle	2 00	Charles W. Higgins	3 37
J. E. McGlinn	2 00	Mrs. Caroline E. Stevens	3 62
Mrs. W. P. Sargent	29 40	Moses P. Mitchell	3 00
Misses E. and M. Moody	12 00	Michael Murray	9 50
Mrs. Conway	15 00	Edward F. Young	2 00
George Upham	7 63	Charles M. Blake	5 75
Mrs. Stilphen	5 00	William B. Burgess	32 37
William Warren	8 13	Fred M. Goss	2 00

Mrs. John Collegan	14 25	James Lovejoy	2 00
J. H. L. Anderson	1 12	Albert P. Lovejoy	2 00
William S. Marshall	2 37	Charles Leavens	2 00
Asa Upham	1 17	Al Libby	4 25
A. G. Bale	6 00	L. N. Leslie	2 00
Charles H. Fuller	75	Reuben T. Robinson	2 00
Mrs. Anna Stevens	3 25	Samuel Reid	2 00
Albert Bradley	2 00	— Walton	2 00
J. S. Adams	2 00	E. H. Young	2 00
Matthew Cassells	2 00	Margaret T. Crowley	2 00
E. Humphrey	2 00	H. Emma Fuller	7 12
George R. Spear	2 00	Edwin A. Alden	6 13
George W. Woodman	2 00	Thomas Currier	2 00
A. T. Abbott	2 00	Wilbur F. Cobb	2 00
Alexander Anderson	2 00	James Dean	2 00
Thomas Brown, Jr.	2 00	W. H. Doolittle	2 00
Maxwell Carpenter	2 00	John Godfrey	2 00
Charles M. Curriea	2 00	John B. Horne	2 00
John H. Clark	2 00	Thomas W. Lay	2 00
Frank Chandler	2 00	Oliver S. Nowell	2 00
Patrick Drew	2 00	J. W. Kennedy	2 00
William Donnavan	2 00	William J. Riley	2 00
William Dutton	2 00	John Snowden	2 00
Thomas Dermott	2 00	E. D. Swain	3 13
Cyrus H. Ford	2 00	George Hunt	2 00
Arthur E. Ford	2 00	George Lee	2 00
Francis Hole	2 00	— Josselyn	75
Charles B. Harraden	2 00		
Charles E. Keith	2 00		
A. A. Kittendorff	2 75		
			\$391 63

FOR YEAR 1878.

Net amount of Collector's Book, Jan. 1, 1880, as per	
last report	\$50,016 66
Abatements in 1880	289 96
Net amount Jan. 1, 1881	\$49,726 70
On which there has been collected	\$49,331 78
And interest	892 13

ABATEMENTS ON 1878, DURING 1880.

James L. Wheeler	\$2 00	John H. Clark	\$2 00
John Higgins	2 00	Thos. Dermott	2 00
Sarah Conway	12 00	Dustin Fontain	2 00
E. O. Phinney	62 00	John H. Follansbee	2 00
Chas. T. Stevens	27 02	L. W. Lovering	2 00
James Duffers	2 00	Levi P. Martin	2 00
A. D. Bradley	2 00	Wm. F. Bacon	2 00
John Bragden	2 00	T. Baxter	2 00
John Brownie	2 00	Allen J. Bacon	2 00
John Clark	2 00	James T. Cragin	2 00

Joseph Coolidge	\$2 00	Geo. Patch	\$2 00
Patrick Curtin	2 00	Daniel S. Pratt	2 00
Wilbur F. Cobb	2 00	Wm. Partridge	2 00
John Cox	2 00	H. S. Roe	2 00
Wm. T. Donahue	2 00	J. W. McCullough	2 00
Wm. Dill	2 00	Thos. Morong	2 00
F. W. DeCostra	2 00	Chas. H. Martin	2 00
Daniel Evans	2 00	Moses R. Palmer	2 00
Frank A. Grover	2 00	J. C. Rourke	12
F. A. Gowan	2 00	Wm. J. Riley	2 00
Joseph Garvin	2 00	O. N. Horton	2 82
Jacob Goodwin	2 00	Geo. T. Gateley	2 00
Wm. Gray	2 00	James Cutler	2 00
D. A. Gray	2 00	H. G. Abbott	2 00
C. F. Glover	2 00	S. R. Atwood	2 00
R. W. Goodall	2 00	Isaac Burditt	2 00
C. W. Gray	2 00	Fred Burditt	2 00
Stephen Hyde	2 00	Loring Beverly	2 00
Abram Hale	2 00	James Brewster	2 00
Joseph Hale	2 00	Harry Robinson	2 00
Chas. Kennedy	2 00	James O. Riley	2 00
— Lawson	2 00	Wm. R. Reynolds	2 00
Walter Lewis	2 00	Samuel Rice	2 00
Frank Larrabee	2 00	Albert Smith	2 00
M. D. Littlefield	2 00	A. S. Snow	2 00
Geo. Lunt	2 00	Geo. W. Stillman	2 00
Chas. Musgrove	2 00	J. B. Stearns	2 00
Sumner Morton	2 00	Geo. H. Tinkham	2 00
W. F. Mitchell	2 00	Lawrence Van Buskirk	3 20
Daniel N. Merrill	2 00	E. A. Vogle	2 00
Samuel E. McAlmon	2 00	W. S. Weymouth	2 00
Wm. Mitchell	2 00	H. B. Whitehead	2 00
Frank Marshall	2 00	Geo. Walton	2 00
Enoch A. Merrill	3 00	E. H. Young	2 00
James F. Marshall	2 00	— Josselyn	60
F. A. Marden	2 00	E. Gerry Russ	2 00
H. P. Morcomb	2 00	Mrs. Wm. Stevens	1 20
John Miller	2 00	John H. Dowd	2 00
Thos. H. Means	2 00		
Andrew G. Oberg	2 00		
			\$289 96

GEO. C. STANTIAL,
JAMES C. CURRIER,
DEXTER PRATT,

Assessors.

COLLECTORS' REPORT.

TAXES FOR YEAR 1878.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1880, as per last report . .	\$1,119 13
Abatements in 1880 (see Assessors' Report) . .	289 96
	\$829 17
Interest collected in 1880	53 95
	\$883 12
Paid Treasurer in 1880	488 20
Balance unpaid, Jan. 1, 1881	\$394 92

TAXES FOR YEAR 1879.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1880, as per last report . .	\$25,114 54
Additional in 1880	52 10
	\$25,166 64
Abatements in 1880 (see Assessors' Report) . .	391 63
	\$24,775 01
Interest collected in 1880	922 76
	\$25,697 77
Paid Treasurer in 1880	24,978 26
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1881	\$719 51

JOHN R. JONES, *Collector.*

TAXES FOR YEAR 1880.

Amount of warrant and tax list, as received from the

Assessors	\$54,407 97
Additional assessments	34 26
“ “ women	27 65

\$54,469 88

Abatements (see Assessors' Report)	217 95
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\$54,251 93

Interest collected	67 68
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\$54,319 61

Paid Treasurer	32,564 57
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Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1881	\$21,755 04
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MOSES BRIGGS, *Collector.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD
OF
WATER COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
TOWN OF MELROSE,
FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1880.

WAKEFIELD:
CITIZEN & BANNER PRESS.
1881.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

JOSEPH D. WILDE.

W. IRVING ELLIS.

J. R. SIMONDS.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit this their Eleventh Annual Report, including the report of the Superintendent, showing the condition of the works to January 1st, 1881.

The year just passed has been one of extreme drought, following the very dry season of 1879, so that the pond did not reach high water mark by 12 inches, a circumstance that has not happened since the completion of the works. The highest point being reached May 10th, and then commencing to fall until Jan. 7th, 1881, when it was just even with the top of conduit that leads to the gate house.

During the year several meetings of the joint Water Boards were held, at which the subject of water supply was carefully considered.

In November a committee was appointed to confer with a competent Engineer in order to decide what steps had better be taken to furnish a supply of water if the Pond should fall below the conduit. The services of W. S. Barbour, Esq., Engineer of the Cambridge Water Works, was secured, and he was present at a meeting of the joint Water Boards, held at the pond, and, after due deliberation, decided that we should at once adopt some means which would place us beyond any contingency, (for what could be more disastrous than the failure even for a day?)

There were two plans presented. One was to lay a new pipe at a lower depth and connecting with the present pipe, say at a distance of about 2,000 feet down the Ravine Road. The other of placing a Pump at the Pond, and pumping the water into the pipes as now laid. But with the lateness of the season, the cold weather, and the depth of frost in the ground, it was decided to adopt the latter, and arrangements were entered into with the Geo. F. Blake Manufacturing Co., of Boston, to furnish one 16 inch Knowles Pump with Boiler of 25 Horse Power, Feed Pump, and all neces-

sary connections, suction and discharge pipes, and the same was completed under the immediate supervision of Maj. W. D. Fiske, Jan. 7th, 1881, and pumping commenced the day following.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year as follows:—

For hydrants, Town Hall, school-houses, &c.	\$2,000 00
For maintenance	1,500 00

Water-takers, Jan. 1, 1881.

Families	858
Apothecariës	2
Aquarium	1
Armory	1
Barber-shops	2
Bakehouse	1
Bookbindery	1
Churches	6
Engine and hose houses	4
Fish-markets	2
Greenhouses	8
Hand-hose	262
Hydrants.	85
Halls	6
Livery and boarding stables	4
Manufactories	4
Ornamental fountains.	11
Private stables	25
Printing-office	1
Public drinking-fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad-depots	2
Standpipes	2
Schoolhouses	7
Stores and shops	18
Truck and cart stables	13
Number of water-takers as per register 1881	980
Number of water-takers as per register 1880	952
Increase over 1880	28

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount Received for Water Rates exclusively.

1870-71	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,909	29
1872	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,141	84
1873	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,133	88
1874	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,202	31
1875	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,882	85
1876	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,788	93
1877	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,850	45
1878	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,267	95
1879	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,717	13
1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,863	14
Estimated income for 1881	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$10,000	00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1880 . . . \$175,457 47

Expended this year as follows:—

Richard Pattee, hydrants	.	.	.	.	\$70	00
Boston and Maine Railroad, freight	.	.	.	.	3	97
Thomas Cunningham & Son, pipe	.	.	.	.	85	33
Town of Malden, one branch	.	.	.	.	4	40
Bills for trenching	.	.	.	.	93	45
Davis & Farnum, iron boxes	.	.	.	.	46	94
J. C. Howes, labor and material	.	.	.	.	32	87
Summers & Hunt, fittings	.	.	.	.	35	00
						371 96

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1881 . . . \$175,829 43

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, 1880.

Thomas Cunningham & Son, pipe	.	.	\$73	94
J. C. Howes, labor and material	.	.	48	00
Albon Parker, painting boat	.	.	6	35
Geo. B. Sargent, repairs on stamp	.	.	1	25
M. C. Warren, hard ware	.	.	11	01
Boston Machine Co., nuts and castings	.	.	3	45
John Larrabee, auditing books, &c.	.	.	10	00

Amount carried forward . . . \$154 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$154 00
Reynolds & Dunton, printing	.	29 50
Dalton & Ingersoll, fittings	.	8 75
Town of Malden, expense	.	15 00
Geo. W. Bartlett, horse hire	.	19 00
Peris P. Ellis, teaming	.	3 00
New England News Co.	.	4 95
Benj. Ames, labor at gate house	.	1 73
Bishop Brothers, ladder	.	1 88
David R. Woodward, labor on screens	.	12 61
S. L. Walton, distributing notices	.	3 25
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	.	2 35
M. F. Eastman, expressing	.	7 35
W. W. Boardman, use of team	.	9 00
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools	.	12 97
S. E. Benson, cement and coal	.	25 75
S. P. Rowell, lounge for gate house	.	8 00
James Worthen, sundries	.	4 41
Morss & Whyte, wire screen	.	5 50
Joseph D. Wilde, services as commissioner		50 00
W. I. Ellis, " " "		50 00
Joseph R. Simonds, " " "		50 00
Addison Lane, " " superintendent		900 00
Bills for trenching and repairs	.	642 89
Addison Lane, expense	.	13 61
		\$2,035 50

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

1880.

April 1.	Coupons on \$50,000	.	\$1,500 00
July 1.	Coupons on \$100,000	.	3,000 00
Oct. 1.	Coupons on \$50,000	.	1,500 00

1881.

Jan. 1.	Coupons on \$100,000	.	3,000 00
			9,000 00
			\$11,035 50

RECEIPTS.

Received from town for use of water .	\$2,000 00	
from town for maintenance .	1,500 00	
from Malden for care of gate-house, &c. . . .	344 89	
from Medford for $\frac{1}{3}$ expense on boat	4 68	
for water rates	9,863 14	
for stock sold	14 65	
for notice	20	
on pipe account	374 02	
		\$14,101 58

CONTRA.

Interest account	\$9,000 00	
Expenses	2,035 50	
		11,035 50

Surplus for the year \$3,066 08

Furniture, Stock, and Tools on Hand, Jan. 1, 1881.

Office furniture	\$175 00
Tools of all kinds	250 00
Stock	425 00
	\$850 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

MELROSE WATER COMMISSIONERS :

Gentlemen:—I herewith present to you my Annual Report, showing briefly some of the work done, and the present condition of the Works.

THE POND.

The arrangements entered into with the joint Water Boards in 1879, have been carried out the past year, the Superintendents of the three towns going over the pond once a week each, and a re-

port being made to the Secretary of the Joint Water Boards, once a month.

On account of the extreme drought which has prevailed throughout the country, the pond did not fill as it has in years past. The highest point reached was May 10th, when it was twelve inches below high water mark; so that the capacity of the pond has been severely taxed, having been drawn to a point lower than at any time since the introduction of water.

At the close of the last report, Dec. 31, 1879, the water was 45 inches below high-water mark, that being the lowest point reached during the year.

RECORD.

Rise and Fall of Pond in 1880.

Jan.	10	.	.	.	Pond	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	inches	below	high-water	mark.
"	20	.	.	.	"	40	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	33	"	"	"	"
Feb.	10	.	.	.	"	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	24	"	"	"	"
"	28	.	.	.	"	21	"	"	"	"
Mar.	10	.	.	.	"	18	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
April	10	.	.	.	"	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	13	"	"	"	"
May	10	.	.	.	"	12	"	(The highest point.)		
"	20	.	.	.	"	13	"	below high-water mark.		
"	30	.	.	.	"	16	"	"	"	"
June	10	.	.	.	"	18	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	20	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	26 $\frac{3}{4}$	"	"	"	"
July	10	.	.	.	"	30	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	31	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
Aug.	10	.	.	.	"	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	"	"
"	20	.	.	.	"	37	"	"	"	"
"	30	.	.	.	"	39	"	"	"	"

Sept.	10	.	.	.	Pond 43 inches below high-water mark.
"	20	.	.	.	" 44 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 48 " " " "
Oct.	10	.	.	.	" 52 " " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "
Nov.	10	.	.	.	" 56 " " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 58 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 60 " " " "
Dec.	10	.	.	.	" 60 " " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 62 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 63 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "

RECORD.

The following record will show the height of the pond in 1874-5 as compared with 1880 :—

Rise and Fall of Pond in 1874-5.

1874.					
July	5	.	.	.	2 inches below high water mark.
"	15	.	.	.	4 " " " "
"	22	.	.	.	7 " " " "
"	29	.	.	.	10 " " " "
Aug.	14	.	.	.	12 " " " "
"	18	.	.	.	14 " " " "
Sept.	2	.	.	.	18 " " " "
"	9	.	.	.	23 " " " "
"	21	.	.	.	27 " " " "
"	26	.	.	.	29 " " " "
Oct.	1	.	.	.	30 " " " "
"	5	.	.	.	32 " " " "
"	14	.	.	.	34 " " " "
"	19	.	.	.	35 " " " "
Nov.	6	.	.	.	38 " " " "
Dec.	7	.	.	.	43 " " " "
1875.					
Jan.	2	.	.	.	46 " " " "
"	14	.	.	.	48 " " " "
"	27	.	.	.	51 " " " "
Feb.	9	.	.	.	53 " " " "
"	16	.	.	.	56 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " "
"	19	.	.	.	58 " " " "
"	22	.	.	.	61 " " " "

COMPARATIVE RECORD.

Showing the lowest points below high water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.

1874.

Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.

1875.

Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full June 23. Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.

1876.

Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full March 25.

1877.

Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full March 15.

1878.

Lowest point, $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Nov. 13. Pond full Jan. 15. Pond full second time Dec. 14.

1879.

Lowest point, Dec. 30. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1 to May 20.

1880.

Lowest point Dec. 30. Highest point May 10, being then 12 inches below high water mark.

GATE HOUSE.

As the water in the pond continued to lower, the leaves and grass collecting on the screens, thereby checking the flow of water, I have placed a new screen outside of the gate house, obviating that trouble.

The bank wall south of the gate-house has been extended, the large stones taken out of the water at the edge of the pond, and the shore near the outlet much improved.

STREET MAINS.

With the exception of 300 feet of 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch iron pipe laid on Warren Street at the Highlands, the street mains have not been extended.

But two leaks have occurred since the last report. One, a joint in the 16-inch main on Wyoming Avenue, and the other on a 4-inch branch near Wyoming Depot, caused by a pick-hole made by men laying drain-pipe.

This fact is conclusive evidence that the cement-and-iron pipe, if well cemented and carefully laid, is the best that can be used.

Repairs made in 1880.

Jan. 5.—Repaired service-pipe on Upham Street. Leak in lead connection.

Jan. 27.—Repaired 16-inch main on Wyoming Avenue. Leak in joint.

March 8.—Repaired service-pipe on Main Street. Rust in corporation.

June 24.—Repaired service-pipe on Upham Street. Broken pipe, caused by a team driving over the stop-box.

July 27.—Repaired hydrant in Essex Street. Put in a new valve.

Sept. 13.—Repaired hydrant in Cedar Park. Put in a new valve.

Sept. 14.—Hydrant on Melrose Street leaking. Replaced with a new one.

Oct. 5.—Took an eel out of the service-pipe on Greenwood Street.

Oct. 28.—Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Berwick Street. Leak caused by a pick-hole.

GATES AND GATE-BOXES.

The number of gates now in use is the same as reported last year, namely, 87.

Quite a number of the gate-boxes have been replaced with new ones, the old being badly decayed.

HYDRANTS.

One new hydrant has been added the past season, located on Franklin Street.

Another, on Melrose Street, being out of order, has been replaced with a new one.

And one on Cedar Park has been repaired, by putting in a new valve.

All have been carefully examined, and put into good working order.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

Three of the five drinking fountains have had additional stops put in, so as to better regulate the flow of water.

SERVICE-PIPES.

Sixteen new services have been put in during the past season. Whole number now in use, 835.

PIPE LAID IN 1880.

$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch from main pipe to street-line	323 feet
$\frac{3}{4}$ " inside of street-line	617 "
$1\frac{1}{4}$ " on Warren street	300 "
Total in feet	1,240

STOCK AND TOOLS.

Estimated value of stock on hand	\$425 00
Tools of all kinds	250 00
	\$675 00

I have also, with few exceptions, personally inspected all the premises where water is used, and have collected for water rates the sum of \$9,863.14, and from other sources \$738.44, all of which has been paid to the Town Treasurer.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers and the amount paid by each, together with the amounts received from other sources :—

Received from families . . .	\$8,055 14	
manufactories . . .	218 00	
use of hose . . .	780 00	
stables . . .	432 00	
greenhouses . . .	95 00	
ornamental fountains . .	46 00	
halls . . .	64 00	
churches . . .	42 00	
depots . . .	12 00	
henneries . . .	6 00	
stores and shops . . .	113 00	
		\$9,863 14
Received from town of Malden . .	344 89	
town of Medford . .	4 68	
stock sold . . .	14 65	
on pipe account . .	374 02	
notice . . .	20	
		738 44
		\$10,601 58

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON LANE, *Superintendent.*

MELROSE, Jan. 24, 1881.

At the request of the Board of Water Commissioners, I have examined the Water Register for 1880, and find that the total amount charged for water rates during the year is \$9,863.14, all of which has been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer by the Supt. Addison Lane.

There has also been paid to the Treasurer the sum of \$738.44, received on account of service-pipe laid, stock sold, etc., making a total of \$10,601.58.

JOHN LARRABEE,
Town Clerk.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch
Eleventh - -			255				1
Third - - -		287				1	
Main - - -	3,784	478		9	2		
Green - - -	2,700			3	1		
Franklin - -	3,155 $\frac{1}{2}$	360		4	1		
Vinton - - -	3,497 $\frac{1}{2}$	436		6	2	1	
Trenton - - -	1,233	1,331 $\frac{1}{2}$		1	3	2	
Melrose - - -		2,339 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		1	
Ashland - - -		1,475		2		2	
Tremont - - -		3,180		2		4	
Greenwood - -			324				
Perkins - - -		236				1	
Baxter - - -		484		1		1	
Florence - - -		1,340 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		3	
Maple and Poplar -		2,265 $\frac{1}{2}$		2		3	
Emerson - - -		3,977		6		4	
Youle - - -		998 $\frac{1}{2}$	342	1		1	
Otis - - -			780				
Oakland - - -		1,161		1		1	
Linden Place - -			286				
Cedar Park - - -		1,206 $\frac{1}{2}$		2		2	
Laurel - - -			457				
Cottage - - -		1,142	193	2		2	
Hurd - - -		768				1	
Berwick - - -		1,226 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		2	
Herbert - - -		220	158 $\frac{1}{2}$				
Grove (West) - -		287 $\frac{1}{2}$		1			
Waverley Place -		690 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		1	
Foster - - -		1,470 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		3	
Myrtle and Lake Ave.		3,170		3		5	
Winthrop - - -		695 $\frac{1}{2}$				1	
Vine - - -		691				1	
Essex - - -		1,437		4		2	
Willow - - -			663				1
Short and Main -			470 $\frac{1}{2}$				
Reading Hill - -			723			1	1
Porter - - -		2,514 $\frac{1}{2}$		3		1	
School - - -			495				

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME—*Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch
Albion - - -		222		1		1	
Pleasant - - -			1125	1			1
Winter - - -		241				1	
Charles - - -		335		1			
Warren - - -		196		1		1	
Bellevue Avenue -		100					
Upham - - -		3,283		5		2	
Stevens Place -			216				
Lebanon - - -		2,750		2		1	
Grove - - -		1,366		1			
Walnut - - -		187½				1	
Lynde and Linwood		2,960		3		1	
Summer - - -		701		2		1	
Wyoming Ave. (East)		1,076				1	
Wyoming Ave. (West)				3			
Chestnut - - -		572					
Mt. Vernon - - -		394		1			
Auburn - - -		372				1	
Winthrop Place -		520		1		1	
Belmont - - -		376				1	
High - - -		376				1	
Prospect - - -		1,026		1		1	
Essex and Lake Ave.		1,082					
Avon - - -		422				1	
Elm - - -		1,057		1			
Howard - - -		272	550			1	1
Upham and Dell Ave.		3,488				2	
East - - -		534				1	
Washington - - -		760		2			
Irving - - -		387				1	
Emerson Place -			251				1
Seventh - - -			288				1
Wastes 27 x 24 -		51					
80 Plugs - - -		80					
Grove Street (East)	1,865	16		2	1		
Emerson Street (East)	743½	10			1		
Rowe Street -			422				1
Totals - - -	16,978½	61,081½	8107	85	11	68	8

WATER RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
Where a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00
Other charges as above.	

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to 20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLE.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	2 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
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When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel . . .	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath houses	10 00

STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot-pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk's office.”

JOSEPH D. WILDE,	} <i>Water</i>
W. IRVING ELLIS,	
J. R. SIMONDS,	

Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, Treasurer, in Account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan Sinking Fund. Cr.

1878.	To cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1873 . . . cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1877 . . .	1878. Aug. 17.	By paid for United States registered ± 1.2 per cent bonds,—Three of \$1000 each One of \$300	
Sept. 1, Dec. 1,		\$3,635 00 98 16		\$3,500 00
1879.				170 62
Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1,	cash received as interest on bonds .	236 22	paid premium on above . . . paid for cash-book . . . cash on hand . . .	50 50 1,713 88
1880.				
Jan. 6,	cash received from J. D. Wilde .	33 34		
Mar. 1, June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1,	cash received as interest on bonds .	157 48		
1881.				
Jan. 1, " 1,	interest on deposits cash received as surplus from water fund for year 1879 . . .	20 91 1,203 89		
		\$5,385 00		\$5,385 00

Respectfully submitted.

E. and O. excepted.
Jan. 25, 1881.

GEO. NEWHALL, Treasurer, Water Loan Sinking Fund.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR 1880.

REPORT.

The Trustees of the Public Library present their Tenth Annual Report.

The appropriation granted at the annual town meeting has been expended in the purchase of books, selected with much care, and we believe the additions contribute largely to the usefulness of the library as a part of our system of public education.

Some little progress has been made toward obtaining a collection of local histories. We believe that this department has been overlooked in many libraries, and that the advantage of such contributions of material for history will not only be apparent in the permanent value of the library, but will soon be realized in the demand for information obtainable from no other source.

It is desirable that the citizens of the town grant such aid as their private libraries afford to the enlargement of this collection.

We have been enabled, thanks to the kindness of H. N. Perkins, Esq., and Capt. J. R. Simonds, to complete the collection of Melrose Town Reports from the organization of the town to the present time. It has taken ten years to accomplish this result, our first report, issued in 1871, making urgent request for a donation of these old reports. The real value of these volumes will hardly be appreciated by many, yet it is undoubtedly a fact that in all our town a half dozen complete sets of reports cannot be found, nor can they be purchased with money.

Such collections of Town Reports as are in existence are in private families, and subject to loss by fire or loans to friends.

Among the donations just received, we mention, with pleasure, complete files of the *Melrose Journal* and *Melrose Record*, from the first issue of these papers until recent date, the gift of Major W. Irving Ellis.

These papers will soon return from the bindery in convenient shape for examination by those in search either of local items or statistics of the growth and progress of the town.

Early in the year, a bulletin of the additions to the library for the previous year was printed, and freely distributed.

Another bulletin of the later additions will soon be issued, and we invite comment and criticism upon the character of the books added to our shelves. Such criticism as reaches us oftentimes comes from those who confess that they know nothing about the library, and are really unaware what purchases have been made. We frequently find that we have on our shelves the very books which our critics think ought to be there.

The usefulness of the library has been further increased by the thorough ventilation of the room, the work being done by Mr. Charles Taylor. The improvement meets with the cordial approbation of all frequenters of the library.

It has been found necessary to add another line of shelves for the reception of books, and also one especially arranged for books of reference, files of newspapers, pamphlets, magazines, etc., that they may be the more accessible to the public, and at the same time have the space required by their unusual size and form.

The increase of the library will necessitate further changes during the coming year.

We annex the statistics for the year, and take this opportunity to thank our donors for their contributions. May their tribe increase.

DONATIONS. — *Books.*

DONORS.

History of Princeton, from 1739 to 1852.	1 vol.	J. L. Hanaford.
The Scientific American.	6 vols.	W. L. Williams.
The Cottage Hearth.	2 vols.	W. L. Williams.
The Bicknells.	1 vol.	Alfred Bicknell.
Annual Reports of Town of Melrose.	3 vols. {	H. N. Perkins.
		J. R. Simonds.
Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.	1 vol. .	The Franklin Fraternity.

Papers.

The Literary World		Daniel Jefferson.
The National Temperance Advocate.		
The Melrose Journal and Melrose Record . . . }	Complete files .	W. Irving Ellis.

Pamphlets.

Boston Public Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Chicago " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Lancaster " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Malden " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Newton " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Woburn " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Worcester " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Wakefield " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Manchester (N. H.) Public Library	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Watertown " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Town Reports of Malden	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Annual Report of the Comptroller of the Currency	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
" " " Commissioner of Patents	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
The Tuftonian	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Local Government, at Home and Abroad, R. B. Porter.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
President's Annual Report, Tufts College.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
A few poems. C. D. Bradlee	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
The First Half-Century of the Baptist Church in Billerica.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Rev. Clifton Fletcher	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

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Number of pamphlets now in the library, 485.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	4,108
Number of volumes purchased this year	.	.	.	357
Number of volumes donated this year	.	.	.	17
			—	374
Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1881	.	.	.	4,482
Number of persons using the library Jan. 1, 1880	.	.	.	2,725
Number of cards issued this year	.	.	.	251
Number of cards relinquished	.	.	.	13
			—	238
Number of persons using the library Jan. 1, 1881	.	.	.	2,963
Largest number of volumes issued in one day	.	.	.	456
Smallest number of volumes issued in one day	.	.	.	51
Average number of volumes issued on Mondays	.	.	.	96
Average number of volumes issued on Wednesdays and Saturdays	.	.	.	243
Whole number of volumes issued in March	.	.	.	3,167
" " " June	.	.	.	2,223
" " " September	.	.	.	2,140
" " " December	.	.	.	2,183
" " " this year	.	.	.	29,764

Six hundred and thirty-two books have been rebound, and eighty-nine books have been replaced, new for old.

The circulation of the library is less than last year, though it still largely exceeds that of any town library in Massachusetts comparing with Melrose either in the number of volumes or the population of the town.

The library has been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings and Monday evenings.

The Malden Library of 6,112 volumes has a circulation of 45,702. The Melrose Library of 4,482 volumes has a circulation of 29,764.

The population of Malden as compared with Melrose is as three to one.

It may also be remarked that Malden generously opens the library every evening in the week, and also furnishes and keeps open a reading-room for the use of all alike.

Some of the citizens have spoken to your Trustees of the evident need of a reading-room in Melrose. That the matter has not been lost sight of may readily be ascertained by inspecting the ten reports of the library now before you.

The room adjoining the library is at the disposal of the town, and there are enough generous-hearted citizens to supply the literature needed, without calling upon the treasury for much more than the services of an assistant librarian and the expenses incident to the furnishing of the room.

The Record of the Reading Room at Malden is now in print and we commend it to your notice ; information can readily be obtained in regard to its value to the public as an adjunct of the library.

The Librarian and assistants have attended to the duties assigned them in a manner satisfactory to the Trustees.

Some annoyance has been caused these officers from the fact that cards have been used by persons not entitled to use them, and it has sometimes been found impossible to trace the books thus circulating through the town. There are some also who cause unnecessary trouble to the Librarian by returning books the day of their issue.

As ten years have now elapsed since the founding of the library, and as many cards must be out of actual use that are now outstanding, it is deemed best to call in all cards and issue new ones to those who wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the library.

The formation of reading clubs, Chatauqua Literary Circles and other kindred societies, promises to be of great advantage to the general public in introducing courses of study among those who are of age to appreciate, and of habits of thinking, to select, books of solid literary merit.

That the public library will be in more constant use and thus enlarge its sphere of beneficent work is a reasonable anticipation.

It is the purpose of your trustees to aid all such students by spreading before them various courses of reading, lists of authorities on subjects under public consideration, by encouraging special investigations and affording the means for pursuing favorite studies at home after leaving school.

In many towns the public library and the higher grades of schools work in unison, and the scholars are led to select books for home reading with much discrimination.

We bespeak the cooperation of parents and teachers in this effort to enlarge the usefulness of the library and make its distinctive work upon the minds and hearts of the people of Melrose a lasting memorial of the wisdom of educating the common people.

The Trustees request an appropriation of five hundred dollars and the dog tax.

In behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES C. BARRY, *Secretary*.

FREDERICK KIDDER,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,		
A. A. NICHOLS,		
HANNAH LYNDE,		
CHARLES C. BARRY,		

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1880.

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CITIZEN & BANNER PRESS.
1881.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—1880-1881.

CLIFTON FLETCHER, *Chairman.*

MISS P. A. NORRIS, }
LOUIS E. ROBSON } *Secretaries.*

JULIUS S. CLARK.

MRS. ANN M. KUNHARDT.

MARIETTA M. W. SEAVER.

MRS. S. W. BRADBURY.*

*Elected Nov. 1, 1880, Miss Norris resigning.

Amount of Salaries, \$325.

TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	ELECTIONS.	SALARIES.
High.....	A. G. Whitman.....	November, 1874...	\$1,600
High.....	Emma A. J. Bugbee...	November, 1874...	800
High.....	Annette Clark.....	August, 1880.....	500
First Grammar.....	Harriet C. Fairbanks..	November, 1880...	750
First Grammar.....	Mary I. Vinton.....	March, 1880.....	490
Sec. Grammar, Emerson St.	Lucy W. Bisbee.....	May, 1867.....	550
Sec. Grammar, Centre St....	Julia M. Porter.....	May, 1868.....	550
Third Grammar, Emerson St.	Susan D. Melcher.....	May, 1873.....	550
Third Grammar, Centre St...	Emma M. Cate.....	October, 1869.....	550
Intermediate, Centre St....	Chastine Emerson.....	May, 1864.....	450
Intermediate, Vinton St....	Alice H. Long.....	September, 1877...	450
Intermediate, Lynde St....	K. W. Bascom.....	September, 1878...	450
Upper School, Green St....	Lydia Mendum.....	November, 1874...	500
Lower School, Green St....	Clara J. Nichols.....	September, 1878...	450
Highlands (mixed).....	M. A. Whitney.....	September, 1878...	450
Upham Street (mixed).....	Mary A. George.....	May, 1880.....	450
Primary, Lynde Street.....	M. M. Gilman.....	May, 1863.....	450
Primary, Vinton Street.....	Hannah F. Lewis.....	March, 1876.....	450
Primary, Centre Street.....	Grace O. Barker.....	August, 1880.....	450
Music Teacher.....	C. E. Whiting.....	September, 1879...	275
			\$11,075

JANITORS.

High School Building, Augustus Durant,		\$275
Centre Schools, Truman Howard		175
Green Street School, Joseph Simonds,		100
Lynde Street School, Wm. F. Serrat		100
Vinton Street School, Benjamin Stones,		100
Highland School, John Singer,		50
Upham Street School, Eri Upham,		50

\$850

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Horace Cushman. Samuel L. Walton.

REPORT.

It becomes the duty of the School Board to present to the citizens of Melrose the official report of another school year.

COMMITTEE.

For the first two months of the year we had the valuable services of Royal P. Barry and Moses S. Page. Thoroughly interested and experienced in the educational work of the town their retirement from office was deeply regretted. At the annual meeting in March, Clifton Fletcher, Julius S. Clark, Louis E. Robson and Mrs. Marietta M. W. Seaver were elected to fill vacant positions in the Board. About the first of November Miss Phœbe A. Norris, who had served the town with rare fidelity for nearly eight years, sent in her resignation. A few weeks later at a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee, Mrs. S. W. Bradbury was elected to serve till the March meeting.

SCHOOL FUND.

At the beginning of the year there was a balance of \$2,400 in the treasury. This was owing to the lapping over of the old fiscal year into the new fiscal year of two months. At the annual town meeting there was appropriated \$11,000 to cover the expenses of the ten remaining months. There was, therefore, the sum of 13,400, aside from the state aid, to defray the entire expenses of the year. Out of this sum has been paid the salaries of the teachers, the janitors, the school committee, and the cost of heating the school buildings. The expenditure has been kept within the appropriation and a balance left in the treasury.

The contingent fund voted by the town was \$1,700 in addition to any unexpended amount of the previous year.

EXPENDITURES.

The school property of the town consists of seven school buildings, with stoves, furnaces, double windows, school-room furniture, yards, and fences. To keep this property in commendable order requires an annual draft, greater or smaller, from the contingent fund.

HIGH-SCHOOL BUILDING.

Some repairs were found imperative, to prevent bad leakage; to mend the place where plastering had fallen down; to re-slate most of the blackboards; and to re-paint the outside doors and upright work that had become badly worn and defaced. Another expenditure was demanded on the principle of "preventing cruelty to children." Bitter complaint had frequently been made, on the part of teachers and pupils, of suffering from coldness in the First Grammar School rooms which are situated in the attic part of the building. Humanity demanded that something should be done. It would seem to border on real wickedness to compel sixty or seventy pupils to sit, day after day, in a chilly or frozen atmosphere. To remedy this evil a large, upright stove has been so placed as to throw its heat, in addition to the small amount that comes from the basement furnace, into both school-rooms. This will necessitate the expense of additional fuel. The extra cost, however, will be more than saved in the prevention of colds, drugs, and medical bills.

LYNDE-STREET BUILDING.

For some years the School Board had been frequently reminded of bad odor in the upper room of this building. Efforts, at different times, to ascertain the cause, had proved failures. The liability of fatal disease breaking out among

the children, from breathing the noxious air, continued. But the sub-committee determined, during the past summer, to discover the cause or pull down the building. Good workmen were employed, and in less than two days the mystery was solved. The small store-building in the rear had settled away, drawing off the boarding from the main building, leaving an opening, an inch wide or more, under the length of the small roof, through which the current of foul air from the cesspool found ready ingress to the upper apartment. The remedy involved a thorough righting-up, new underpinning, and the construction of a new vault. In addition to this, both the upper and lower rooms, beside the inner doors and entry-ways, were nicely grained. The greater portion of the desks, being very black and worn, were sand-papered, re-stained and varnished. Then, as the plastering on the ceiling of the lower room had partly fallen off and portions of the rest were hanging loose, it was decided to have thorough work. New laths and plastering were applied to the entire ceiling. The whole building is now in good condition, and a credit to the town.

CENTRE-SCHOOL BUILDING.

The principal outlay here was building a strong, substantial fence, enclosing the entire school ground lying in the rear. This ample yard is needed for the benefit and protection of the primary-school children during the summer terms. Separated from the impetuous sports and rude assaults of the one hundred and twenty or more larger children, they can here enjoy free exercise, comparatively safe and unharmed. There were some minor improvements, which we need not occupy time or space to specify.

UPHAM-STREET SCHOOL.

A somewhat expensive, but a thoroughly good work has put these premises in excellent condition. The outside

painting of the building; the graining of the entire interior, including doors and entry-ways; the renovating of the worn and begrimed desks; the thorough painting of the extensive yard fences, so long neglected and weather-beaten, involved rather a large amount of labor and material. But under suitable care the premises will now require little expense to continue in fine condition for years to come.

OTHER BUILDINGS.

A concrete walk has been laid for the benefit of the Vinton-street School; additional desks and seats have been placed in several recitation rooms, and a few book-racks for the convenience of teachers. Most of the blackboards have been re-slatted, and a portion of those in the primary schools lined in spaces suitable for script writing.

INCREASE OF SALARIES.

Soon after the organization of the new Board, there came urgent demands for increase of salaries. These demands were partly prompted by what was said in the last Annual Report, and partly by the return of more prosperous times. The Principal of the High School had been elected some years ago on a salary of \$2,000. Hard times supervening, it was cut down to \$1,800, and a year or two later to \$1,500. This the Principal bore with commendable grace, under the assurance that when better times returned better pay should return. This assurance had not been forgotten, though the ones giving it had passed out of office. The question finally came to this: Shall the salary be slightly increased or shall the Principal go? Shall he go under a sense of wrong and injustice? The right thing, we believe, was done. One hundred dollars were added to the salary. Contentment and good work was the result. A very small addition was made to the pay of a few other teachers, where justice and equality seemed to demand it. The Board believe that good and faithful work should be fairly compensated.

By referring to the table on the second page of this report, it will be seen that, out of the roll of twenty teachers, nine receive a salary of only \$450 each. Deducting \$200 for forty weeks' board and washing, leaves only \$250 for all other expenses. There can be, therefore, but a small margin, if any, for filling the blank leaves of a savings-bank book, which every teacher should have. They must grow old and wear out just as fast, at least, as other people. After saying this, the Chairman may add that he perceives no reason now for any material increase of salaries the coming year.

Should it be necessary, as it seems almost certain, to open a new school, that would involve the expense of an additional teacher.

NEED OF MORE SCHOOL ROOM.

With the return of "better times" our town is gradually filling up with young and thrifty families. While rejoicing in this inflow of new population, it brings with it a pressing demand for more school room. The primary department is already overflowing. It seems pretty certain that another school of this grade must be opened near the Centre in early spring or summer. Where is a place for it? The lower grammar and intermediate schools are also crowded. More accommodation will soon be imperative.

There is another serious consideration to which the Chairman would invite the especial attention of the citizens of Melrose. The rooms occupied by the First Grammar School are entirely unfitted for school work. They are situated directly under the roof of the High School Building. In winter they are very cold, and in summer very hot. In warm days, in spite of careful ventilation, the air is oppressive and unwholesome, and children have occasionally fainted. But the worst evil of all is an evil that cannot be remedied. Owing to the peculiar construction of the building the light is extremely defective. The Luthern windows in the French

roof, necessitating deep recesses, admit only a feeble and refracted light, which proves injurious to many eyes. There has been a constant complaint of this evil. Whether any sight has been permanently impaired we do not know. This, however, *is* true, that on many dark afternoons of the short days, scholars have not been able to pursue their studies to advantage after three o'clock. Then again, it is a very wearisome climb, passing up so many flights of stairs to reach these rooms. And this toilsome climb must be performed, often in a hurried manner, three or four times a day, by sixty or seventy pupils at a critical period of life.

Now, shall we carefully inculcate the laws of health and continue to subject the growing children to such perilous treatment? Can we afford it? Is health or money best worth saving?

WHAT SHALL BE DONE?

Without imperative necessity the town would not be justified in the erection of another school building. It is certain, however, that more *room must* be provided. It has occurred to the School Board that possibly the best and cheapest way to meet the emergency, would be a partial remodeling and enlarging of the High School Building. The large space occupied by the centre stairways (which are not needed) and a suitable projection of architectural finish, would make two or three beautiful school-rooms on the sunny side of the building, easy of access. This would not be a very expensive matter, as no money would be required for payment of land. Neither would it be necessary to disturb the other school rooms. This by way of suggestion.

FINANCIAL ITEMS.

A small sum from the contingent fund has been expended in making some necessary repairs and additions to the electrical and chemical apparatus of the High School. Good work can only be accomplished by having good tools placed

in skilful hands. We are glad to acknowledge, in behalf of the same school, the liberal gift of \$50 from Mrs. G. N. Bordman. This gift was in return for assistance cheerfully rendered by some of the pupils in a musical entertainment at the Town Hall, during the winter. By the suggestion of the Principal, the money was expended in the purchase of a valuable set of Johnson's Encyclopædia. These volumes will be of great value to the school for many years to come. We may add that thanks are also due to Mr. Moses S. Page for a beautiful clock, placed in the Vinton-street Upper School, in remembrance of the death of his son, little "Frankie."

APPROPRIATIONS FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

There will be required, to maintain the schools on their present schedule of expenses, the same amount as was in the Committee's hands the past year. This will necessitate an appropriation of \$12,500. The demands from the contingent fund are always various and uncertain. The Centre-school building must be thoroughly painted, and perhaps concrete walks laid, and a front-yard fence erected. The Highland-school building and fences must also be painted. Something ought to be done for the barren and undivided grounds of the High-school premises. As suggested elsewhere, it is probable that a place for another primary school will have to be provided, fitted up, and furnished. There will be the usual demand for school supplies. The appropriation need not be greater than that of last year.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS.

MUSIC.

This part of the school work has continued during the year under the instruction and supervision of Mr. C. E. Whiting, of Boston. His services have been prompt and faithful, and have given general satisfaction. We believe no part of the school funds yields a richer return than the small

amount expended in teaching the principles of music. The practice is wonderfully adapted to cheer and interest all grades of pupils, and at the same time gives them a source of sweet enjoyment to last through future life.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Centre, the Lynde-street, and the Vinton-street are very large, comprising more than one hundred and fifty pupils under eight years of age. The teachers, in the order named, are Miss Barker, Miss Gilman, and Miss Lewis. Differing a little in personal qualities, they have been faithful workers, and are each deserving of praise.

The Centre Primary has been unfortunate in having a change of teachers twice during the year. The resignation of Miss Howland was accepted at the close of the spring term. Miss Temple, from Marlboro', taught the summer term, and was exceedingly liked. Preferring to teach at home, she resigned during the long vacation, and Miss Grace O. Barker, a teacher from the same town, we think equally good, was secured to fill the same position.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

Three of these are partly Primary and partly Intermediate. They are the Highlands, the Green-street and the Upham-street schools. The first and last are the smallest in number of any in town. The former has been favored with the continued services of Miss M. A. Whitney, of whom it is sufficient to say, she has retained the favor and confidence of the Committee. Also, nothing but good words can be said of Miss Nichols, and her school-work. At the Upham-street, there has been a change of teachers. Near the close of the Winter, Mrs. Batchelder's resignation was received and accepted. Miss Hattie Lane, who had graduated with honor at the Salem Normal School, was elected to fill the position. After an earnest effort of three weeks her health utterly failed, and she was obliged to

give up her long anticipated work. A careful search on the part of the Committee, resulted in securing the services of Miss Mary A. George of Greenwood ;—a teacher of large experience and of excellent recommendations. It was, we believe, a fortunate choice. Both teaching and discipline are now thoroughly good. We only regret that so excellent a school has not a larger number of pupils. Miss Mendum has continued to perform an earnest, faithful work in the Greenstreet upper department. Laboring under the disadvantage of having rather too many pupils, and these of two different grades, she has with wonderful courage pursued her daily task with untiring zeal and devotion.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

These are three in number and are very largely attended. More room in the near future will be needed. Forty pupils of this grade are quite enough for one teacher, however excellent she may be. More than this number will cause the work to be thinner and poorer. We are personally glad that the same teachers remain. The school-rooms of Miss Emerson, Miss Long and Mrs. Bascom have continued to be very bright and sunny places. The valuable hints and ideas presented by Col. Parker's "talks" a year ago, have not been forgotten.

THE SECOND AND THIRD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The teachers, Miss Bisbee, Miss Porter, Miss Cate, and Miss Melcher are among our excellent "stand bys." Maintaining strict discipline without undue severity ; presenting clear ideas and thorough methods of work, it is always a treat to visit their schools.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At the earliest meeting of the new Board, after due deliberation it was voted to continue Miss Southwick, as Principal. It was felt that no stranger could step in, not even a compe-

tent master, and do the work so well for those who had been thus far in the school year under her training. We believe it was a wise decision. The discipline of the school, as well as the teaching, continued to be vigorous and thorough. Meantime the matter of employing a male teacher at the beginning of the Fall term was under constant advisement. Finally, the necessity of paying a much higher salary, with no certainty of securing any better work, or even so good, decided the Committee to waive the matter indefinitely.

The First Grammar Schools of Malden, Lynn, Wakefield, and other large towns, employ lady principals. Near the end of November, Miss Southwick resigned her work to enter into new relations in life. True to her convictions and conscientious in her methods of teaching and discipline, she rightly received and retained, the esteem of the entire Board. A new Principal, possessing superior ability, experience and culture, was immediately sought. After some painstaking and some disappointments, Miss Harriet Fairbanks of Natick was duly engaged. We trust she will prove as eminently successful in this new position as her high recommendations would seem to warrant. At the beginning of the Spring term, Mary I. Vinton, a young lady of Melrose and a graduate of the Salem Normal School, was elected assistant teacher. Commencing with no previous experience, she has exhibited an earnest fidelity and a marked improvement. She took the place so nobly filled by Miss Nye, who had been enticed away by the offer of a larger salary.

HIGH SCHOOL.

While the discipline has been mild and beneficent, it has, at the same time, been suitably strong and wholesome. The moral tone has been good. The example of a courteous spirit on the part of the teacher has been duly reciprocated. Things have run smoothly. The tone of the teaching has been in the direction of solidity. Pupils have been taught to *think* as well as to memorize. The six years of consecu-

tive teaching of the Principal in the same school, has, we believe, increased his efficiency. Mr. Whitman is more than a technical teacher. By his studious habits his knowledge is ever widening, and is much broader than that of the mere text books. Miss Bugbee, the first assistant, continues to fill her position eminently well. Classical teaching is her especial *forte*. She can do other things well, but this is her delight.

During the Summer vacation Miss Henshaw, who held the place of second assistant, sent in her resignation. It was another instance of being enticed away by the allurements of larger pay. By her refined and pleasing manners she had won the esteem of many. Fortunately several applicants of especial merit were ready to fill the vacant position. The Committee made choice of Miss Annette Clark of Lawrence, a teacher of tried ability, and an ardent lover of educational work. We are abundantly satisfied with our selection. Possibly we labor under a pleasant delusion, but we believe the High School never had better instruction.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

These were held on the evening of June 25th, in the Town Hall, which was completely filled by citizens and friends. Owing to the extreme heat, and perhaps a little to the rather lengthy essays, the real merits were not, we fear, quite appreciated. We are glad to place on record a brief description from the genial pen of the local correspondent of the Boston *Daily Journal*:

"The stage was prettily decorated with flowers, and pendant from the arch was a floral horse-shoe with the figures '80."

The programme opened with the High School March, and was followed by essays, declamations and music, filling 21 numbers. The Latin salutatory by Miss Florence M. Ellis, and valedictory by Miss A. Josephine Vinton, were well written and delivered. The French essay, by Miss Mary Alice Goss was also worthy of commendation; the class prophecy by Miss Isabella Paul witty and lively, and "The Ride of Jennie McNeal" most finely rendered by Miss Emma A. Weeks. The essay, "Aim in Education," by Miss Minnie L. Woodman, was most excellent. All the pieces were well pronounced, and showed signs of thought, study and discipline."

WHAT IS THE REMEDY.

The frequent changes in the School Board is a matter to be regretted. Persons best qualified to serve with efficiency soon weary with the perplexing duties. This is not surprising. The unlimited wants and complaints that constantly arise; the perpetual care and supervision that are imperative; the unceasing taxing of time and patience; the sharp, and unjust criticisms that occasionally appear in public prints; the daily interference with personal employments and duties; to say nothing of the meager remuneration, naturally results in frequent changes. What shall be done? How shall the evil be remedied? Shall the whole work and responsibility be given to a wise and judicious Superintendent? Is the town ready to take this new departure in its educational work? It would certainly meet the hearty approval of every member of the present School Board.

GENERAL REMARKS.

There has been no material change in school books. Frequent changes are unwise. New publications and new editions should be cautiously introduced. Books with slight variations are getting too numerous. They are often made with no better reason than to enrich the publishers. Old standards are in many instances better. It may here be mentioned, there has been a careful revision of the School Regulations. They will be found printed, as usual, at the close of the Report. We hope they will be carefully read. Mr. Cushman, one of the truant officers, has rendered some excellent service during the year. Several idle and malicious boys have been sharply looked after and brought into school. It must be understood by all that truancy will not be allowed, and that the law of the State will be strictly enforced.

Hoping our public schools will continue to maintain an honorable standing, and that the town will continue to guard and foster them with a liberal policy, we respectfully submit this Report.

In behalf of the Committee,

CLIFTON FLETCHER.

HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATES.

CLASS OF 1880.

ABBIE M. BENIS.	FLORENCE A. STILPHEN.
FLORENCE M. ELLIS.	*A. JOSEPHINE VINTON.
*H. AGNES FOSTER.	EMMA A. WEEKS.
*MARY ALICE GOSS.	MINNIE L. WOODMAN.
*HELEN M. LEAVITT.	*HENRY A. BOARDMAN.
*ANNIE P. LONG.	JOSEPH R. GIBBONS.
MARY LYNDE.	†ALBERT H. HAYWARD.
*ISABELLA PAUL.	†HENRY J. HERSEY.
*FRANCES L. SNOW.	†MARK S. W. JEFFERSON.
*English Course.	†College Course.
	Not marked, Classical Course.

FIRST GRAMMAR-SCHOOL GRADUATES.

CLASS OF 1880.

LILLIE A. ATWOOD.	JULIA C. MCINTYRE.
OLIVER J. BOURNE.	MARY H. NORTON.
ALFRED H. BURLIN.	LOUISE H. ORCUTT.
EDWIN L. CRAGIN.	SARAH A. PERRINS.
CHARLES R. COBURN.	LIZZIE W. PRENTICE.
GEORGE W. DOWLING.	FRANK H. REED.
LORING DEAN.	GRACE E. RICHARDS.
NELLIE C. DEMPSEY.	WALTER C. STEVENS.
LORIETTA I. DAVIS.	MARY E. SHERBURNE.
MAYBELLE N. DRAYTON.	SUSIE M. STANTIAL.
OLIVE A. ELLIS.	FRED C. SHEPARD.
WILLIAM S. EDMONDS.	MARY G. SARGENT.
ADELAIDE FRENTZ.	MEGGIE C. STETSON.
MARY E. HAWKINS.	INEZ E. WORTHEN.
HELEN G. HARRIS.	DAVID M. WILKINSON.
JENNIE C. HARRIS.	ETHEL H. TWITCHELL.
DANIEL J. HURLEY.	EDWARD B. WALTER.
G. LILLIAN JONES.	EDITH L. WILDE.
ETTA P. MERRILL.	ARTHUR H. WHITTEMORE.

TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1881

SCHOOLS.	Maximum No. from January 1 to July 1.		Average attendance during same time.		Maximum No. from September 1 to January 1, '81		Average attendance during same time.		Number of Pupils Jan. 1, '81	Per cent. of attendance for the year.	Average Age January 1, 1881.	
	Years	Mos.									Years	Mos.
HIGH, First Class . . .	19	17.8	11	9.1	9	98.2	18	7				
Second Class . . .	11	8.7	11	10.9	11	98.8	15	10				
Third Class . . .	22	18.4	26	24.7	25	98.2	15	10				
Fourth Class . . .	42	34.8	40	39.1	40	96.5	15	7				
Totals	94	79.3	88	83.6	85	97.9	16	5				
First Grammar . . .	62	58.7	64	60.4	61	96.1	14	8				
Second Gram., Emerson St.	41	37.5	48	44.9	47	96.1	13	2				
Second Grammar, Centre	38	34.4	49	45.9	49	95.4	13	5				
Third Gram., Emerson St.	53	45.	50	45.	50	92.4	12					
Third Grammar, Centre .	49	46.	49	42.2	44	94.	11	8				
Intermediate, Centre . .	49	43.	46	40.	45	95. †	10	7				
Intermediate, Vinton St.	46	40.	42	38.	42	94. †	10	9				
Intermediate, Lynde St. .	41	35.2	46	37.8	41	95.	10					
Green St. (upper school).	39	35.	44	39.8	41	94.	10	9				
Green St. (lower school).	43	31.4	43	38.1	37	92.4	7	7				
Highlands (mixed) . . .	42	35.	38	32.5	36	91.5	7	4				
Upham St. (mixed) . . .	36	26.	27	22.5	27	76.9	8	6				
Primary, Centre	48	39.23	61	50.18	56	93. †	7	1				
Primary, Lynde St. . . .	60	45.	63	49.	55	92.	7	7				
Primary, Vinton St. . .	62	53.6	55	52.1	58	95.	7	4				
Total	803	684.33	813	721.98	774	93.						

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

I. The school year shall consist of forty weeks, begin on the first Monday in September.

II. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted : Every Saturday ; Thanksgiving Day and the remainder of the week ; Christmas week ; one week, beginning the third Monday in February ; one week, beginning the fourth Monday in April ; the weeks between the close of summer term and the beginning of the school year ; all legal holidays.

III. The daily session of the High School shall begin at 8.30 o'clock A. M., and close at 1.30 o'clock P. M., from December to May ; and for the rest of the year it shall begin at 8 o'clock A. M., and close at 10 o'clock P. M. There shall be two recesses, — one of twenty minutes, the other of ten minutes.

The hours for keeping school, except the High School, shall be from 9 o'clock A. M. until 12 o'clock M., with a recess of twenty minutes ; and from 2 P. M. until 4 P. M., with a recess of ten minutes in Primary and Intermediate Schools. No variation from these hours shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee.

IV. In case of stormy weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit forenoon or afternoon sessions, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before 8 A. M. or a quarter before 12 A. M.

V. Teachers shall be in their schoolrooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the schools, admitting pupils, beginning promptly at the hours specified.

VI. Teachers shall hear all recitations.

VII. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule. But for the purpose of observing modes of discipline and instruction, teachers may visit other schools to the extent of one half-day each term, at such times as may be arranged between them and the sub-committee of the respective schools.

VIII. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

IX. Teachers shall not detain pupils after the close of the morning session.

X. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils for violent or pointed opposition to authority, informing the parent or guardian and the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

XI. "The several school-teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned."* A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

XII. It shall be the duty of the teacher to report at once, in writing, to the Chairman of Committee every case of corporal punishment; which report shall state the name and age of the pupil, the amount of punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

XIII. It shall be the duty of all the teachers to give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their schoolrooms.

XIV. No teacher shall contract a bill for repairs on any

* Revised Statutes.

school buildings, furniture, or grounds; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town.

XV. In case of absence, tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the session, a written excuse from the parent or guardian shall be required. The younger classes in Primary Schools are to be dismissed at recess. All cases of habitual truancy shall be reported to the Committee.

XVI. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a permit from some one of the Committee, who will require satisfactory evidence that the child is five years of age, and has been vaccinated; and no pupil will be admitted to any of the Primary Schools except during the first two weeks of each term, unless qualified to enter existing classes.

XVII. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the Committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the Committee, and the Town Assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to town agent must have the name of parent or guardian. Books furnished indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

XVIII. Pupils absent one month, except on account of sickness, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee.

XIX. No non-resident child, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the town, shall be received or retained in any school, except with the consent of the School Committee; who may require parent or guardian of such child to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child is instructed there.

XX. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring schoolhouses, school furniture, outbuildings, fences, or school property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the Committee deem proper.

XXI. Pupils are not allowed in school-yards after school hours, or during vacations or holidays ; are not allowed in other school-yards than their own at any time, unless sent with messages. No pupil shall be permitted to leave the school-yard at recess, except with permission of the teacher.

XXII. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in any of the schools without the consent of the Committee.

XXIII. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

XXIV. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep and dust each schoolroom and entry twice every week ; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November ; clean and wash all outbuildings as often as necessary ; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter ; close gates when schools are not in session ; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property ; prepare and put in the coal and wood, and practice rigid economy in its use ; and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

Janitors shall not contract a bill for repairs on any of the school buildings, furniture, or grounds ; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town, unless authorized by the Committee.

WARRANT

FOR

TOWN MEETING,

MARCH 7, 1881.

WARRANT.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Melrose, in
the County of Middlesex: GREETING.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of MELROSE, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1881, at 12.30 o'clock, P. M., then and there to act on the following Articles viz. :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes, on one ballot, for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, Public Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, or for Road Commissioners, (as the Town may decide), one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, Auditors and Constables. Also, on a separate ballot, to bring in their votes for two members of the School Committee for three years.
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To raise money for Schools.
6. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
7. To raise money for Highways.
8. To raise money for Sidewalks.
9. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
10. To raise money for the Fire Department.
11. To raise money for lighting and Care of Street Lamps.
12. To raise money for additional Street Lamps.
13. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen.
14. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
15. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
16. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.
17. To raise money for the Public Library.
18. To raise money for Water maintenance and use of same.
19. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all Officers and Committees elected or appointed by the Town.
20. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.

21. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

22. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

23. To see if the Town will raise money for the purpose of widening and grading Franklin Street.

24. To see if the Town will raise money for the purpose of purchasing a new Hearse or to make repairs upon the one now in use.

25. To see if the Town will reimburse all such citizen tax-payers as made and paid for concrete sidewalks previous to the adoption by the Town of the law allowing one half of the cost to abutters, to be reimbursed in a just and equitable manner under the supervision of the Selectmen, after investigation by them, on petition of H. A. Norris.

26. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to view and lay out street now known as Waverly Place, on petition of Richard Whowell and others.

27. To see if the Town will authorize the publishing of all warrants for town meetings in the Melrose Journal.

28. To see if the Town will authorize the assessors to procure from the South District Registry of Deeds an annual list of conveyances of real estate in Melrose, as an aid to the legal and accurate assessment of taxes.

29. To see whether the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold Town Offices and to vote in Town affairs on the same terms as male citizens, on petition of John G. Adams and others.

30. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of Public Worship, and at the Depots, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.,	} Selectmen of Melrose.
HENRY G. FIELDS,	
JOSEPH F. BOYD,	

A true Copy. Attest,

A. B. PIERCE, Constable.

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1881.



MELROSE:
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1882.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1881-82.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

DANIEL NORTON, JR. HENRY G. FIELDS.
JOSEPH F. BOYD.

Town Clerk.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Treasurer.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

Collector.

JONATHAN C. HOWES.

Assessors.

GEORGE C. STANTIAL. JAMES C. CURRIER.
DEXTER PRATT.

Water Commissioners.

JOSEPH D. WILDE, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1884.
W. IRVING ELLIS	.	.	" " 1882.
JOSEPH R. SIMONDS	.	.	" " 1883.

Commissioners of Water Loan Sinking Fund.

DANIEL RUSSELL, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1884.
ROYAL P. BARRY	.	.	" " 1883.
JOHN W. FARWELL	.	.	" " 1882.

School Committee.

CLIFTON FLETCHER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	Term expires 1883.
LEVI W. GILMAN	.	" " 1884.
JULIUS S. CLARK, <i>Secretary</i>	.	" " 1882.
MRS. ANN M. KUNHARDT	.	" " 1882.
MRS. SARAH W. BRADBURY	.	" " 1884.
MRS. A. K. MILLER	.	" " 1882.

MRS. M. M. W. SEAVER (resigned).

Trustees of the Public Library.

FREDERIC KIDDER. ELBRIDGE H. GOSS. CHARLES C. BARRY.
HANNAH LYNDE. ADDIE A. NICHOLS.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1881-82.

Auditors.

JOHN R. NORTON.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

ERNEST MENDUM.

Constable.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

Representative in the General Court.

B. MARVIN FERNALD.

*Engineers of the Fire Department.*F. EDWARD HOWE, *Chief.*L. FRANK HINCKLEY, *Clerk.*

JOSEPH R. SIMONDS.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal.

SETH E. BENSON.

JAMES D. LITTLEFIELD.

Surveyor of Lumber.

HENRY A. LEONARD.

Lock-up Keeper.

SAMUEL L. WALTON.

Committee on Cemeteries.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Field-Drivers.

OTIS HOWARD.

HORACE W. CUSHMAN.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

Police Officers.

A. B. PIERCE.

JAMES E. SPEAR.

H. B. NEWHALL.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

J. D. LITTLEFIELD.

AMMI C. CHICK.

H. W. CUSHMAN.

SAMUEL L. WALTON.

CHARLES T. STEVENS.

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REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen herewith submit their Annual Report for the financial year ending December 31, 1881.

HEALTH.

Where no Board of Health is regularly appointed or chosen, the Selectmen of towns are by law constituted as such. Col. J. F. Boyd has had the immediate supervision of this department.

The prevalent contagious diseases reported by the physicians to him, have been diphtheria, scarlet fever and small-pox. Due precautions were taken in every case to prevent contagion. All complaints regarding defective drains, etc., have received prompt attention.

We would again urge upon our citizens the importance of taking every precaution to prevent miasma, which breeds disease.

The expenses of the department have been : —

Carriage hire	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$4.50
Medical attendance	.	.	.	.	.	.	37.00
							\$41.50

SUPPORT OF POOR.

The following classified list is respectfully presented, as heretofore : —

Number of paupers fully supported during the whole or a part of the year ending December 31, 1881.

SECTION I.

Class 1.	Had a settlement in our town	.	.	12
" 2.	In receptacles for the insane	.	.	9
" 3.	Were State paupers	.	.	2
" 4.	Had a settlement elsewhere	.	.	1
Total number				24

Number of persons partially supported within the year.

SECTION II.

Class 1.	Had a settlement in our town	. . .	60
“ 2.	Had a settlement elsewhere in the State	. . .	15
“ 3.	Were State paupers	. . .	5
Total number			80

SECTION III.

Class 1.	Truants in the State school	. . .	3
“ 2.	Tramps lodged in the lock-up	. . .	37

By a comparison with last year's report, the insane and sickness bills of this year exceed \$400. Board, rent, and clothing bills have increased \$271.40. Fuel is higher, and groceries are 33 per cent higher than last year. There has been more work for those temporarily aided, which has reduced our grocery bills \$225.-95 below the previous year. The large expense of the Kelley family is a matter of regret. The mother is a widow; she has seven children, mostly small, for whom a legal guardian has been appointed. He is doing all he can to insure economy to the town, and to make them self-supporting. The law provides that towns shall pay one dollar a week to the State for the board of their truants at Monson. For some reason unknown to this Board, the State Board of Charities has never sent bills till this year; which in the case of Grover, for four years, was \$208; Hayes, \$46; Murray, \$62, which amount we have been obliged to pay from this year's poor fund. The above, with the sum expended for the insane and the outside relief, comprises an amount, mostly fixed by law, nearly or quite half of our whole expense to this department. By a recent decision, in the case of the State *vs.* Boston, \$3.50 per week is charged for board of the insane in the asylums, instead of \$3.00, as before. Two have been discharged from the Insane Asylum within the year, leaving seven. Two have died in Class 1, Section I, and two in Class 1, Section II.

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HIGHWAYS.

By your vote at the last annual meeting, the Selectmen became surveyors, and assumed direct charge of the highways. Mr. A. W. Lynde was appointed superintendent. About one-third of the

appropriation was expended on Main street, from Masonic Hall to Essex street. It will be remembered that a few years since, the town procured grade plans, and accepted and adopted the grade for surface drainage for nearly all the principal streets. We have repaired the following streets to conform to this grade :—

Main street, from Wyoming avenue to the Town Hall ; Essex street, from Willow to Myrtle ; Upham street, about 300 feet on the hill ; Main street, cut down about 18 inches for about 400 feet on Reading Hill and filled below for about 200 feet ; Franklin street, from the railroad to Tremont street, filled to grade ; Melrose street filled on one side for about 200 feet, from Ashland to Tremont ; raised Tremont street one foot, using about 460 loads of gravel.

The Town should furnish better tools and implements for the building and repairing of its streets. A heavy roller and improved scrapers would be labor-saving and effective.

DRAINAGE.

Much has been accomplished in this department. Bridges and culverts have been repaired, new drains and cesspools made. On Tremont street (west side) a large drain has been constructed, 18-inch pipe being used.

The following list will show the amount and size of pipe laid, cesspools built and culverts repaired :—

Drains.

On Grove street, 57 feet of 12-inch pipe.

Foster	“	190	“	18	“
Main	“	35	“	10	“
Tremont	“	340	“	18	“
Willow	“	20	“	12	“

New Cesspools.

Covered with stone and capped.

One at Ell Pond, Main street.	|	Two opposite Town Hall.
Two on Foster street.	|	One on Summer street.

Culverts Repaired.

One on Franklin street.	| One on Main street.
One on Melrose street.	| One on Emerson street.
One on Upham street.	| One on Grove street.
One on Main street, near Reading Hill.	

SHADE TREES.

Shade trees have been planted in some of our streets by the Melrose Improvement Society. They consist principally of maples and elms. A good work, well done, which will in future years add to the beauty and attractiveness of our town, and cannot be too highly commended.

Early in the year trees whose branches overhung the streets and obstructed travel were properly trimmed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

For details concerning this department we refer to the report of the Board of Engineers. But few fires have occurred. The department is well organized, and has been managed with a due regard to economy and efficiency.

TOWN HALL AND IMPROVEMENT OF GROUNDS.

In our last report we suggested that a system be devised and adopted for the management of this building. Only one meter is provided to register the amount of gas consumed in the entire building. We are of the opinion that each department should pay its proportionate part of the expense of lighting and heating the same, and that greater economy would be thereby secured.

The amount appropriated for improving the grounds has been spent in grading and for granite curbing, as suggested by the committees appointed. The Melrose Improvement Society have planted a number of maple and Norway spruce trees upon the grounds. Two tulip trees — one the gift of the Franklin Fraternity, and the other of Mr. Royal P. Barry — were placed, one on the east and the other on the south side of the Hall.

SIDEWALKS, CROSSINGS, AND GUTTERS.

During the last four years the Town has raised and appropriated for concrete sidewalks the sum of \$4000. Owners of estates abutting upon the walks have paid a like amount.

For concrete crossings and gutters the Town has paid \$1114.33.

We are convinced that no better investment could have been made, or one that would have yielded such returns — a lasting benefit to the streets and walks of the Town, enjoyed alike by all its citizens.

STREET LIGHTS.

There are now 130 street lamps in use, lighted and kept in repair by the Globe Gas Light Company of Boston.

From frequent personal inspection and the few complaints made, we are satisfied that the contract has been faithfully kept. More lamps are needed, as in many of our streets the light is inadequate.

MILITARY AID AND ARMORY RENT.

By the Acts of 1879 (Chap. 252), a separate relief is provided for those soldiers and sailors who would otherwise become paupers. One-half of the expense is borne by the State, the other half by the Town. The whole amount paid, under Chap. 301, acts of the same year, to disabled soldiers and others, is reimbursed by the State; but by the provisions of these laws, money so expended is not reimbursed to the Town until the first day of December in the year following the year in which it has been paid. The State is, therefore, *always* in debt to the Town.

The rent of armory for Battery C, paid by the Town, has been refunded.

CONCLUSION.

A suit has been brought against the Town by Maurice G. Cochran, for damages sustained by the overturning of a sleigh on Vinton street, at the Highlands. After a full investigation we concluded that he had no just claim against the Town.

We are able to report balances to the credit of nearly all the departments. The financial condition of our Town improves each

year. The taxes have been paid promptly, consequently the temporary loans were the smallest for years. The valuation of property, real and personal, is placed by your assessors at about \$3,700,000. We believe that, considering the advantages enjoyed, the taxes have been in the past, reasonable. To the citizens we would say that the making of the rate of taxation is in your hands. After the appropriations are made, there is no choice for your officers; they must assess and raise the tax, or submit to the penalty provided.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL NORTON, JR.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 7, 1881. 12.30, P. M.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE WARRANT. To choose a Moderator.

Chose Levi S. Gould.

ART. 2. To bring in votes for Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and other officers; votes for School Committee to be on a separate ballot.

Voted, That the officers elected by ballot this day, shall consist of three Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors, one Clerk, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, three Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, five Library Trustees, three Auditors, two Constables, and two School Committee for three years.

Voted, To close the polls at 5.45, P. M.

Voted, That no other article be taken up for the transaction of business, during the election of officers.

Voted, That when the meeting adjourns it be to 7.30, P. M.

At 5.45, P. M., the polls were closed and the result of the balloting was declared.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors — Daniel Norton, Jr., Henry G. Fields, Joseph F. Boyd. *Town Clerk* — John Larrabee. *Town Treasurer* — George Newhall. *Collector of Taxes* — Jonathan C. Howes. *Assessors* — George C. Stantial, James C. Currier, Dexter Pratt. *Water Commissioners for Three Years* — Joseph D. Wilde. *Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for Three Years* — Daniel Russell. *Auditors* — John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Ernest Mendum. *Constables*,

— Ansel B. Pierce, Samuel L. Walton. *Trustees of the Public Library*—Frederic Kidder, Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Hannah Lynde, Addie A. Nichols. *School Committee for Three Years*—Levi W. Gilman, Sarah W. Bradbury.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 7, 1881. 7.30, P. M.

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal—Seth E. Benson, James D. Littlefield. *Measurer of Wood and Bark*—Aaron Green. *Surveyor of Lumber*—Henry A. Leonard. *Committee on Cemeteries*—George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee. *Field Drivers*—Otis Howard, H. W. Cushman, Frank Gibbons, H. B. Newhall, Samuel Lear. *Fence Viewers*—Aaron Green, Charles T. Stevens.

ART. 4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to meet the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

ART. 5. To raise money for schools.

Voted, That the sum of twelve thousand, five hundred dollars be raised for the support of schools.

ART. 6. To raise money for school contingent expenses.

Voted. That the sum of seventeen hundred dollars be raised for School Contingent expenses.

ART. 7. To raise money for highways.

Voted, That the sum of three thousand dollars be raised for highways, and that three-fourths of the amount be expended before June 1, 1881.

Voted, That in addition to the above, five hundred dollars be raised for concrete crossings and gutters, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To raise money for sidewalks.

Voted, That the sum of one thousand dollars be raised for sidewalks, said sum to be expended for concrete walks, under direction of the Selectmen, according to provisions of laws accepted by the Town, relating to sidewalks, by which abutters pay one-half

the expense, and that the Selectmen be instructed to connect the concrete walks already laid, so far as the interests of the Town will in their judgment be best subserved by their doing so, and assess the abutters therefor if necessary.

ART. 9. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Voted, That the sum of four thousand dollars and receipts be raised for the support of the poor.

ART. 10. To raise money for the Fire Department.

Voted, That the sum of two thousand dollars be raised for the expenses of the Fire Department.

ART. 11. To raise money for lighting and care of street lamps.

Voted, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be raised for lighting and care of street lamps, including also the keeping of the same in repair.

ART. 12. To raise money for additional street lamps.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred dollars be raised for additional street lamps.

ART. 13. To raise money for watchmen and policemen.

Voted, That the sum of nine hundred dollars be raised for police and night watchmen.

ART. 14. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Voted, That the sum of nine hundred dollars be raised for contingent expenses.

ART. 15. To raise money to pay interest on the Town debt.

Voted, That the sum of six thousand three hundred dollars be raised for interest on the Town debt.

ART. 16. To raise money for the reduction of the Town debt.

Voted, To raise three thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose of reducing the permanent debt.

Voted, that the balance of the bank and corporation tax be appropriated for the same purpose.

ART. 17. To raise money for the Public Library.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars and the dog tax, for the support of the Public Library.

ART. 18. To raise money for water, maintenance and use of same.

Voted, To raise for the use of water, hydrants, etc., two thousand dollars; for maintenance, fifteen hundred dollars.

ART. 19. To raise money for salaries of Town officers, and fix

the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.

Voted, That the salaries of Town officers and committees be fixed as follows : Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of Highways, \$200 each ; Chairman of Overseers of Poor, \$50 additional. Town Clerk, \$175. Town Treasurer, \$500. Assessors, \$150 each. Auditors, \$15 each. Water Commissioners, \$50 each. School Committee, \$50 each ; Chairman of the Committee, \$25 additional. Cemetery Committee, \$25 each. Sealer of Weights and Measures, \$10.

Voted, That the Collector be paid as compensation for his services for collecting resident, poll, and property taxes, and non-resident property taxes, one-half of one per cent, and on simple poll taxes five per cent on the amount collected and paid to the Treasurer.

Voted, To raise two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of paying salaries.

ART. 20. To raise money for drainage, bridges, and culverts.

Voted, To raise eight hundred dollars for drainage, bridges, and culverts, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 21. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise for deficiencies the following sums :—Contingent Fund, \$5.67 ; Poor Fund, \$785.96 ; Town Hall, \$295.67 ; Police and Night Watchmen, \$184.28 ; drainage of Emerson street, \$255.58 ; total, \$1527.16. For deficiency in water account (cost of construction in 1880), \$371.96.

ART. 22. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

Voted, That all taxes be made payable on or before October 1, 1881, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of six per centum per annum. That all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1882, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise money for the purpose of widening and grading Franklin street.

Voted, That four hundred dollars be raised to complete the widening and grading of Franklin street.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will raise money for the purpose of purchasing a new hearse or to make repairs upon the one now in use.

Voted, That seventy-five dollars be raised for the purpose of repairing the hearse now in use, the same to be expended under direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 25. Postponed indefinitely.

ART. 26. Postponed indefinitely.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will authorize the publishing of all warrants for Town meetings in the Melrose Journal.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to publish all warrants for town meetings in the Melrose Journal, the expense of same to be paid out of the contingent appropriation.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to procure from the South District Registry of Deeds an annual list of conveyances of real estate in Melrose, as an aid to the legal and accurate assessment of taxes.

Voted, That the Assessors be so authorized, and that the expense be paid from the contingent appropriation.

ART. 29. Passed over.

ART. 30. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

The committee appointed to consider the matter of building a schoolhouse at the Highlands, reported inexpedient to build.

Report accepted.

Voted, That the Board of Assessors be a committee to settle with the Collector for the years 1878 and 1879.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments.

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be given to John W. Farwell, Esq., for the gift of the handsome clock which is placed on the front of the gallery, in the hall of the Town House.

Voted, That a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, be appointed to wait upon Messrs. Littlefield and McIntyre, for the purpose of receiving from them the transfer to the Town, of their title to the strip of land bordering on Main street, between said street and Ell Pond, provided they desire to donate the same.

Committee appointed — Daniel Norton, Jr., Royal P. Barry,
F. S. Hesseltine.

Report on guide boards accepted.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1881.

March 7.

Schools, support of	\$12,500 00
School contingent expenses	1,700 00
Highways	3,000 00
“ — crossings and gutters	500 00
Sidewalks	1,000 00
Poor, support of	4,000 00
Fire Department	2,000 00
Street Lights	800 00
Additional Street Lamps	100 00
Police and Night Watchmen	900 00
Contingent expenses	900 00
Interest on Town Debt	6,300 00
Reduction of “	3,500 00
Public Library Dog Tax and	500 00
Water, use of	2,000 00
“ maintenance	1,500 00
Salaries, Town Officers	2,250 00
Drainage, Bridges, and Culverts	800 00
Deficiencies in Accounts	1,527 16
Deficiency, water (construction account)	371 96
Franklin street, widening, etc.	400 00
Repairs on hearse	75 00
	\$46,624 12

November 8.

Additional sum to be raised in 1882 for support

of the poor \$1,500 00

Memorial Services

In honor of our late President, JAMES ABRAM GARFIELD, were held by the citizens of the Town of Melrose, under the auspices of the Selectmen, in the Town Hall, on Monday, September 26, A. D. 1881, at 2, P. M. At the close of the exercises the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

Whereas, God, in his over-ruling wisdom, has taken to himself our great and noble President, grief burdens the heart of the nation; sorrow reigns profound; all classes and conditions of men feel the irreparable loss; “a heroic life has been crowned with a martyr’s death;” the citizens of Melrose, in Town Hall assembled, in accordance with National and State proclamation, under the shadow of this deep affliction, in common with all the people throughout the length and breadth of the land, while consecrating themselves to their Almighty Father and seeking consolation from this dispensation, bow in humble submission to the Divine will; and it is hereby

Resolved, That in the death of James Abram Garfield, whose patient and uncomplaining struggle for life has endeared his memory to all mankind, the country loses a most devoted servant; a scholar of superior intellect; a true statesman; a devout patriot; a thorough, unostentatious Christian; a tender, generous, pure-hearted man, alike renowned in civil and military achievements; one whose honesty and integrity of purpose the people recognized, and in whom they trusted; whose life in public and private was beyond reproach; whose relations as son, husband, father, friend, are a worthy example to the “manhood of the future”; and of whom we can most truly say: “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.”

Resolved, That in the life of our late President the world has a model worthy of emulation for all coming time. When we remember his career from boyhood to manhood,—from the log-cabin to the White House; his filial love; his exemplification of the true home in all its relations; his quiet, unobtrusive Christian life; the

straightforward, fearless, manly public service, we realize more keenly our great national calamity. Every heart and home in Melrose is saddened by the stroke, and will ever tenderly cherish, reverence, and love the memory of so great and good a man ; and we never shall forget that he

“Hath borne his faculties so meek, hath been
So clear in his great office, that his virtues
Will plead like angels, trumpet-tongued, against
The deep damnation of his taking-off.”

Resolved, That in this hour of deep distress, as the bells of the nation are tolling a mournful requiem, we sympathize most sincerely and heartily with the bereaved widow, the fatherless children, the aged mother, and commend them to the tender care of an inscrutable but all-wise God, who rules over us all and in whose hands we are.

Voted, That the above resolutions be entered in the records of the Town, and a copy of the same transmitted to Mrs. Lucretia R. Garfield.

A copy of the resolutions was forwarded to Mrs. Garfield, and the following letter received : —

CLEVELAND, O., December 6, 1881.

Mr. JOHN LARRABEE, *Town Clerk*,

Melrose, Mass.

DEAR SIR, — Mrs. Garfield directs me, on behalf of her family and herself, to return her sincere thanks for the resolutions, received at your hands, of the citizens of Melrose.

Very truly yours,

C. O. ROCKWELL.

MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1881, 7, A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for State and County officers ;

Also to bring in their votes, by ballot, for or against the following article of amendment to the Constitution : " No person having served in the army or navy of the United States in time of war, and having been honorably discharged from such service, if otherwise qualified to vote, shall be disqualified therefor on account of being a pauper ; or, if a pauper, because of the non-payment of a poll-tax."

The form of said ballot to be " Amendment to the Constitution, ' Yes' or ' No.'"

The polls to be kept open until 4.40, P. M.

Voted, That the transaction of Town business be postponed until after the closing of the polls.

At 4.40, P. M., the polls were closed. It was then voted to take up —

ART. 2. Which was to choose a moderator. Chose — Levi S. Gould.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised.

Two names stricken from the list. Accepted as amended.

ART. 4. To see what action the Town will take to provide additional school accommodations.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the School Committee and report at the next Town meeting. Committee appointed — John W. Farwell, Royal P. Barry and Nathan D. Blake.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will make an additional appropriation for the support of the poor, and authorize their Treasurer to borrow the money for the same.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for the support of the poor.

ART. 6. To hear the reports of committees, act upon the same, and transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Voted, That B. Marvin Fernald, Daniel W. Gooch, Joseph D. Wilde, Daniel Russell and Samuel E. Sewall, be a committee to act with committees appointed by neighboring towns for the purpose of securing the passage of an act by the Legislature, which

will enable the Towns of Malden, Medford, Winchester, Stoneham and Melrose, to acquire the property known as the Middlesex Fells, for public park purposes.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE VOTE OF MELROSE FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS FOR 1881.

<i>For Governor.</i>		<i>Votes.</i>
John D. Long of Hingham		322
Charles P. Thompson of Gloucester		80
Israel W. Andrews of Danvers		4
<i>For Lieutenant Governor.</i>		
Byron Weston of Dalton		321
James H. Carleton of Haverhill		81
George Dutton of Springfield		4
<i>For Secretary of the Commonwealth.</i>		
Henry B. Pierce of Abington		321
Michael T. Donohue of Somerville		81
Aaron B. Brown of Worcester		4
<i>For Treasurer and Receiver General.</i>		
Daniel A. Gleason of Medford		321
William A. Hodges of Quincy		81
George Foster of Lynn		4
<i>For Auditor.</i>		
Charles R. Ladd of Springfield		321
Charles R. Field of Greenfield		81
Wilbur F. Whitney of Ashburnham		4
<i>For Attorney General.</i>		
George Marston of New Bedford		320
Patrick A. Collins of Boston		81
David O. Allen of Lynn		4
John K. Hammond of Cambridge		1
<i>For County Commissioner.</i>		
J. Henry Read of Westford		321
Lewis P. True of Everett		81
Philip E. Milloy of Hudson		4
<i>For Clerk of the Courts.</i>		
Theodore C. Hurd of Cambridge		402
Dean Dudley of Wakefield		4
<i>For Councillor, Sixth District.</i>		
George Heywood of Concord		321
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence		81
Hiram W. K. Eastman of Lawrence		4

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

Thomas Winship of Wakefield	323
Edward H. Walton of Wakefield	79
William F. Cowdrey of Stoneham	4

For Representative to the General Court, Ninth Middlesex Representative District.

B. Marvin Fernald of Melrose	260
Moses Briggs of Melrose	141
John W. Farwell of Melrose	1

Amendment to the Constitution.

“ Yes,” 176 votes. | “ No,” 59 votes.

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS
IN THE TOWN OF MELROSE, DUR-
ING THE YEAR 1881.

	<i>Births.</i>	<i>Marriages.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
January	7	1	12
February	10	—	1
March	10	2	6
April	2	3	4
May	10	3	3
June	7	4	5
July	9	2	4
August	8	3	5
September	11	5	8
October	6	5	5
November	7	10	6
December	8	4	9
	95	42	68

BIRTHS.

Number registered	95
Males	48
Females	47
	95

Of the above number 88 were born in Melrose and 7 were born in other places.

Born of American parents	75
of foreign parents	15
of American father and foreign mother	1
of foreign father and American mother	4
	95

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	43
Both parties residing in Melrose	20
But one party residing in Melrose	22
Neither party residing in Melrose	1
	— 43

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	42
More than last year	9
Both parties American	34
Both parties foreign	3
Parties American and foreign	5
	— 42
First marriage of persons	78
Second marriage of persons	5
Third marriage of persons	1
	—
	84—42 couples.

The oldest person married	60 years.
The youngest person married	17 years.

DEATHS.

Whole number	68
More than last year	6
Males (married)	8
Females (married)	18
Widows	9
Males (single)	7
Females (single)	2
Male children	12
Female children	12
	— 68

Ages.

Under one year (still-born or premature birth, 6)	17
From 1 to 5	4
5 " 10	1
10 " 20	3
20 " 30	8
30 " 40	4
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Amount carried forward 37

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
40 to 50	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
50 " 60	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
60 " 70	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
70 " 80	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
80 " 90	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
							— 68
Age of oldest person, 86 years, 6 months, 11 days.							
American parentage	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Foreign parentage	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Mixed parentage	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
							— 68

Diseases, or Causes of Death.

Acute tuberculosis and chronic pneumonia, 1; acute pleurisy, 1; anæmia, 1; apoplexy, 2; bronchitis, 1; bronchia-pneumonia, 1; chronic bronchitis, 3; cholera infantum, 3; cancer, 1; colic, 1; congestion of liver, 1; congestion of lungs, with paralysis, 1; consumption, 2; cerebral apoplexy, 1; debility and valvular heart disease, 1; diphtheritic croup, 1; fibroid tumor and septicæmia, 1; gastritis, 1; hydrocephaloid, 1; hæmorrhage of lungs, 1; heart disease, 2; heart disease and dropsy, 1; inanition, 2; interstitial nephritis, 1; infantile convulsions, 1; irritation cerebri, 2; laryngeal phthisis, 1; malformation of heart, 1; malformation of rectum, 1; old age and debility, 1; pneumonia, 2; premature birth, 2; puerperal septicæmia, 3; pertussis, dysentery, and diphtheria, 1; phthisis pulmonalis, 9; phthisis pulmonalis with hæmorrhage, 1; paralysis, 1; rheumatic endocarditis and aortic insufficiency, 1; still-born, 4; tubercular meningitis, 1; typhoid pneumonia, 2; unknown, 1; valvular heart disease, 1.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year 1881, 196 males and 12 females; total, 208.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by law, \$410.40.

ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer, 1614, for the sum of \$43,772.33.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JANUARY 1, 1882.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

High School.

Alonzo G. Whitman, one year . . .	\$1,600 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, " . . .	800 00	
Annette Clark, " . . .	500 00	
		\$2,900 00

Grammar Schools.

FIRST.

Harriet C. Fairbanks, one year . . .	\$750 00	
Mary I. Vinton, eight weeks . . .	80 00	
Ermina A. Dike, " . . .	72 00	
Ermina A. Dike, " . . .	80 00	
Myra A. Whitney, sixteen weeks . . .	180 00	
		\$1,162 00

SECOND. (EMERSON ST.)

Lucy W. Bisbee, one year . . .	550 00	
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SECOND. (CENTRE.)

Julia M. Porter, one year . . .	550 00	
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THIRD. (EMERSON ST.)

Susan D. Melcher, one year . . .	550 00	
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THIRD. (CENTRE.)

Emma M. Cate, one year . . .	550 00	
		\$2,200 00

Intermediate and Mixed Schools.

Chastine Emerson (Centre), one year .	\$450 00	
Alice H. Long (Vinton St.), " .	450 00	
Kate W. Bascom (Lynde St.), " .	450 00	
Lydia Mendum (Green St.), " .	500 00	
Helen J. Barrett (Centre), 24 weeks	270 00	
Mary J. George (Upham St.), one year	450 00	
Myra A. Whitney (Highlands), 24 weeks	270 00	
Alice B. Woodruff, " 16 "	180 00	
		\$3,020 00

Primary Schools.

Mary M. Gilman (Lynde St.), one year	\$450 00	
Hannah F. Lewis (Vinton St. and Centre), one year	450 00	
Clara I. Nichols (Green St.), 12 weeks, 5 days	144 00	
Hannah K. Harden (Green St.), 16 w'ks	180 00	
Grace O. Barker (Centre), 24 weeks .	270 00	
Lucy F. Dermot (Vinton St. and Green St.), 26 weeks	292 50	
		\$1,786 50

Music.

C. E. Whiting, 2 months	\$55 00	
C. E. Whiting, 8 "	240 00	
		\$295 00
		\$11,363 50

JANITORS' SALARIES.

Augustus Durant (High School Building), one year .	\$275 00	
W. Truman Howard (Centre), one year	175 00	
Benjamin Stones (Vinton St.), "	100 00	
Joseph W. Simonds (Green St.), "	100 00	
William F. Serrat (Lynde St.), "	100 00	
John Singer (Highlands), "	50 00	
Eri Upham (Upham St.), "	50 00	
S. L. Walton (Town Hall), 7 months	29 17	
		\$879 17

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SALARIES, 1880-81.

Clifton Fletcher, Chairman	\$75 00	
Julius S. Clark	50 00	
Louis Robson	50 00	
Ann M. Kunhardt	50 00	
Marietta M. W. Seaver	50 00	
Sarah W. Bradbury	8 50	
		\$283 50
Marietta M. W. Seaver, services 1881	8 00	
		\$291 50

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FUEL.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	\$677 43
J. McCarthy, charcoal	19 25
	\$696 68

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' salaries	\$11,363 50
Janitors' "	879 17
Committee's "	291 50
	\$12,534 17
Fuel	696 68
	\$13,230 85

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$12,500 00
Balance from last year	1,110 92
Received from State	181 96
Received for tuition of children	12 00
	\$13,804 88
Balance unexpended	\$574 03
	\$13,804 88

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
Balance from last year	361 51
	\$2,061 51

EXPENDED.

General Repairs, Buildings, Grounds, Etc.

D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	\$207 79
Benjamin Ames " "	29 22
Joel Atwood " "	101 72
W. Emery & Co., windows	19 20
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	62 16
Samuel Ellison, stock and labor	71 35
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$491 44

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$491 44
C. S. Parker & Sons, slating High school house .	72 64
B. & M. R. R., freight on slates	1 68
J. S. Eastman, architect, services	7 00
J. C. Howes, repairing furnaces, stoves, etc. . .	282 05
Geo. W. Dew, painting, glazing, etc., stock and labor	356 51
Albon W. Parker, glazing	1 85
A. Parker, edgestone	47 97
W. B. Ellis, setting edgestone	8 44
George H. Snowden, cleaning vault	10 00
George R. Palmer, " "	5 00
	\$1,284 58

Furniture, Supplies, Etc.

J. L. Hammett, sundries	\$72 86
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture, etc.	109 53
S. P. Rowell, shades, fixtures, repairs, etc. . .	112 99
Hall & Whiting, books, pens, pencils, etc. . .	112 81
C. A. Eastman, books and stationery	32 98
Thomas T. Bailey, blackboard slating	4 50
Boston School Supply Co., blackboard slating . .	12 00
D. Appleton & Co., books	30 60
A. Williams & Co., "	3 38
Knight, Adams & Co. "	2 12
C. E. Whiting, sheet music	2 32
Maynard & Noyes, ink	16 00
L. W. Gilman, sundries	5 69
Bugbee & Barrett, "	6 94
G. H. Mason & Co., brushes, dusters, etc. . .	15 50
G. P. Reed, repairing clocks	6 75
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	21 75
C. G. Harris, ribbon for diplomas	3 38
D. M. White, tuning piano	3 00
C. W. Eaton, extra reports	10 00
Babb & Stephens, programmes	11 00
G. W. Reynolds, regulations	3 50
M. F. Eastman, expressing	3 40
H. Barron, "	3 35
R. A. Freeman, carting	10 50
H. W. Cushman, police services	26 89
	\$643 74

RECAPITULATION.

General repairs, buildings, grounds, etc.	\$1,284 58
Furniture, supplies, etc.	643 74
	\$1,928 32
Balance unexpended	133 19
	\$2,061 51

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, Etc.

L. F. Hinckley, groceries and provisions	\$347 30
Wm. H. Wells "	310 74
Bugbee & Barrett, groceries and provisions	229 29
L. W. Gilman " "	221 13
James Worthen " "	99 50
John Singer, Jr. "	25 76
F. T. Sivret & Co. "	9 08
A. Wheeler & Co. "	126 00
S. H. Nowell, milk (Mrs. Budd)	24 58
C. F. Shute " (Wm. Dutton)	10 96
Edward Duffy " (Mrs. E. C. Grover and Ellen McCarty)	6 66
Daniel Norton, Jr., cash paid Stephen Hyde	105 00
J. P. Murphy, guardian of A. M. Kelly :—	
For groceries and fuel	\$280 68
rent	148 00
medical attendance	15 00
clothing	13 20
moving furniture	4 00
	460 88
	\$1,976 88

Fuel.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	\$250 51
James Marshall " "	112 01
Frank R. Upham " "	13 65
John I. Munroe & Co., wood and coal	8 25
B. R. Upham, wood and coal	41 68
	\$426 10

Medical Attendance and Medicine.

Julius S. Clark, M. D.	\$70 50
J. Vincent Smith, M. D.	93 00
Dr. P. Wadsworth	26 00
H. S. Soule	5 00
John Larrabee, medicines	45 20
	\$239 70

Nurses.

Mrs. G. W. Babcock, care of Ellen McCarty . . .	\$53 75
Mrs. Mary E. Howard, care of Chas. Howard and wife	3 00
Mrs. Chas. J. Sanborn, care of Chas. Howard and wife	7 50
Aaron Tay, care of Chas. Howard 21 days . . .	31 50
James A. Lambert, care of John K. Roberts 17 days .	25 50
	\$121 25

Burial Expenses.

A. B. Pierce, burial Wm. Taylor	\$23 00
Ellen McCarty	25 00
	\$48 00

For Support of Insane.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital	\$778 44
Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester . . .	443 40
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	186 09
	\$1,407 93

Outside Relief.

City of Boston, aid to Martin Shannon and Eunice Snow	\$39 72
City of Lynn, aid to Daniel H. Hollis and Mrs. Albert Bodwell	45 25
City of Somerville, aid to Annie E. Arnold . . .	15 00
Town of Woburn, aid to L. W. Harris and family .	241 86
Town of Malden, board of Ezra Waitt, 1 year . .	208 00
aid to Chas. Howard	33 96
aid to Asa Slocumb	98 25
	\$682 04

Rents.

B. R. Upham, 25 weeks, Mrs. E. C. Grover . . .	\$25 00
W. J. Farnsworth, $\frac{1}{2}$ month, Charles Howard . . .	2 50
W. J. Farnsworth, 7 months, Mrs. H. P. Budd . . .	21 00
W. J. Farnsworth, rent and supplies to Martha and Mary Paine (one year)	156 00
James L. Withey, 11 months, Henry F. Simonds . . .	55 00
North End Savings Bank, 17 weeks, J. H. Howes . . .	34 00
C. H. Simpson, 35 weeks, J. H. Howes	70 00
Estate C. A. Green, 15 months, Mrs. Sanborn and Wm. B. York	74 00
Timothy Corey, 12 months, William Dutton . . .	42 00
Michael Kelly, $2\frac{1}{2}$ months, Mrs. J. Callihan . . .	12 50
John Warren, $4\frac{1}{2}$ months, Mrs. J. Callihan . . .	22 50
Dexter Bryant, 6 months, Edward Moore	25 00
John W. Cobb, 11 months, Robert H. Terry . . .	44 00
Mary Henney, 2 months, Ellen McCarthy	8 00
M. J. Kimball, rent to E. C. Grover	1 10
Chas. Larrabee, 5 months, 21 days, Chas. Howard . . .	28 50
Mrs. Geo. H. Fall, 2 months, Chas. Howard . . .	10 00
Edward Duffy, 10 months, Mrs. E. C. Grover . . .	40 00
	\$671 10

Board and Clothing.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board of Wm. F. Grover, 208 weeks	\$208 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board of Thomas Hayes, 46 weeks	46 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board of James W. Murray, 62 weeks	62 00
Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 43 w'ks, at \$2.50	107 50
Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 9 w'ks, at \$3.00	27 00
Florence E. Upham, board of Arthur J. Richardson 52 w'ks	156 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for Arthur J. Richardson	7 75
Joseph W. Simonds, board of Abigail Connor, 52 weeks	156 00
Joseph W. Simonds, clothing for Abigail Connor . . .	8 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$778 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$778 25
A. M. Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 52 weeks	130 00
Samuel Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 52 weeks	132 00
S. J. Haraden, board of Abbie G. Fuller, 52 weeks	104 00
Massachusetts General Hospital, board of J. K. Roberts,	
2 days	2 00
	\$1,146 25

Sundries.

C. G. Harris, dry goods	\$8 16
S. P. Rowell, bedstead	3 50
B. R. Upham, moving furniture, etc.	2 92
J. C. Howes, repairing stoves, etc.	3 60
Samuel Sprague, boots, shoes, etc.	30 90
George Newhall, one pair rubber boots	3 75
H. G. Fields, expense, cash paid	14 57
A. B. Pierce, services and expenses	14 55
J. A. Lambert, air cushion	5 00
	\$86 95

RECAPITULATION.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, etc.	\$1,976 88
Fuel	426 10
Medical attendance and medicines	239 70
Nurses	121 25
Burial expenses	48 00
Support of insane	1,407 93
Outside relief	682 04
Rents	671 10
Board and clothing	1,146 25
Sundries	86 95
	\$6,806 20

CONTRA.

Appropriation, March	\$4,000 00
November	1,500 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$5,500 00

Amount brought forward, \$5,500 00

RECEIPTS.

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$46 99	
City of Boston	305 75	
City of Somerville	166 00	
Town of Malden	119 00	
Town of Wenham	50 50	
H. G. Fields, money refunded by persons assisted	159 50	
D. Alvin Lynde, board of wife at Danvers	164 91	
Peter Edgerly, board of daughter at Danvers	169 47	
		\$1,182 12
Total		\$6,682 12
Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts		124 08
		\$6,806 20

The following claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department:—

From State of Massachusetts	\$152 87
City of Somerville	78 00
Town of Malden	82 00
	\$312 87

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation \$900 00

RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses:—

Moses Briggs	\$2 00	
John R. Jones	2 00	
Nelson Cochran	2 00	
George Stockwell	2 00	
George W. Farnsworth	2 00	
		\$10 00
		\$910 00

EXPENDED.

Board of Selectmen, clerk hire, 1880	\$25 00
C. W. Eaton, printing 1200 reports, 1880	177 00
G. W. Reynolds, printing warrants, notices, bill heads, voting lists, etc.	87 07
T. W. Ripley, tax bills and notices	13 25
A. W. Haskell, Collector's book	3 50
J. C. Brock, vote register	1 10
Geo. F. King and Merrill, record book and stationery	14 85
John Larrabee, collecting, recording, and returning births, deaths, and marriages, 1880	48 65
John Larrabee, services preparing reports, 1880, regis- ter of voters, check lists, etc.	40 00
John Larrabee, cash paid for stationery, postage, etc.	5 40
James C. Currier, cash paid for stamps	1 00
P. O. Department, stamps	3 00
J. R. Simonds, binding books	2 00
H. Barron, expressing	1 80
M. F. Eastman, expressing	9 55
Francis Fountain, services watching fires	7 50
A. Parker, edgestone	47 88
W. B. Ellis, setting edgestone	8 44
A. B. Pierce, returning 57 deaths, 1881	14 25
A. B. Pierce, posting notices, distributing warrants, reports, etc.	38 00
B. & M. R. R., freight on lamp posts	77
S. L. Walton, care of lock-up	25 00
S. L. Walton, ringing bell	4 00
Samuel Lear, "	4 00
Augustus Durant, "	4 00
W. C. Stevens, "	2 00
O. K. Stebbins, "	2 00
Dexter Pratt, carriage hire	5 00
G. W. Bartlett, "	9 50
W. W. Boardman, "	1 50
H. A. Davis, State Inspector, adjusting balances, weights, and measures.	5 75
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$612 76</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$612 76
George F. Morgan, for abstracts of deeds and mortgages recorded in Middlesex (So. Dist.) Registry of Deeds	38 70
A. W. Parker, painting signs	3 00
Dexter Pratt, signs furnished	8 50
	\$662 96

Health Department.

G. W. Bartlett, carriage hire	\$4 50
J. V. Smith, M.D., attendance on Hurley family	35 00
	\$39 50

Garfield Memorial Services.

Battery C, firing guns	\$50 00
D. L. Taylor, smilax	4 50
C. G. Harris, black cambric, cotton, etc.	25 84
R. Gibbons, services	4 00
Babb & Stephens, circulars and envelopes	1 50
W. J. Silver, draping flag	3 00
G. W. Reynolds, printing	16 50
Pollard, Alford & Co., crape rosettes	4 07
G. H. Dearborn, expense for sheet music	1 00
	\$110 41
	\$812 87
Balance unexpended	97 13
	\$910 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	141 56
	\$2,141 56

EXPENDED.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	\$495 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Edwards Brothers, repairing ladder, etc.	4 88
A. W. Parker, painting truck room	12 00
F. M. Holmes, library chair	8 15
	\$560 03

Russell Hose Company, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	\$300 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 5,600 feet gas	16 80
Edwards Brothers, iron and wood work	4 75
S. E. Benson, wood	1 50
J. C. Howes, repairing water-pipe	75
A. J. Morse & Son, blunderbuss	19 58
W. T. Howard, labor and stock	5 50
	\$388 88

N. D. Blake Hose Company, No. 2.

Services of men, one year	\$291 66
Services of steward, one year	40 00
L. W. Gilman, rent one year	150 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 3,400 feet gas	10 20
Holbrook & Hunt, repairs	3 74
A. W. Parker, glazing	1 00
J. C. Howes, stove and lead pipe	5 71
Hunneman & Co., globe, and candle sockets	1 50
	\$503 81

Highland Hose Company, No. 3.

Services of men, one year	\$295 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Holbrook & Hunt, repairing water-pipe	1 00
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	11 25
John Singer, Jr., sundries	9 01
George H. Robinson, repairing clock	1 50
	\$357 76

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

M. F. Eastman, hauling engine to Swain's Pond, Fairmount, and Howard street	\$8 00
Jesse A. Dill, collation furnished	2 85
Board of Engineers, services one year	75 00
E. Barron, use of horse	2 00
L. F. Hinckley, stationery, dusters, lanterns, etc.	8 24
Edwards Brothers, repairing and painting engine	26 90
Edwards Brothers, painting letters on coats	2 00
	\$124 99

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RECAPITULATION.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company	\$560 03
Russell Hose Company	388 88
N. D. Blake Hose Company	503 81
Highland Hose Company	357 76
Contingent expenses	124 99
	\$1,935 47

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	141 56
	\$2,141 56
Balance unexpended	206 09
	\$2,141 56

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Balance from last year	249 07
	\$3,249 07

EXPENDED.

Paid A. W. Lynde, services as Surveyor and Superintendent 128 $\frac{1}{4}$ days @ \$2.00 per day	\$256 50
Paid for teams, 403 days @ \$1.50 per day	\$604 48
oxen, 2 " @ 1.75 "	3 50
	\$607 98
Paid for labor, 1214 $\frac{1}{2}$ days @ \$1.50 per day	\$1,821 68
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " @ 1.00 "	2 50
	\$1,824 18
	\$2,688 66

Paid each month as follows : —

January.

Surveyor, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days @ \$2.00	\$13 00
Teams, 22 " @ 1.50	33 00
Laborers, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ " @ 1.50	39 75

Amount carried forward \$85 75

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>				\$85 75
<i>February.</i>				
Surveyor,	11	days @ \$2.00 .	\$22 00	
Teams,	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	" @ 1.50 .	23 62	
Laborers,	39 $\frac{1}{4}$	" @ 1.50 .	58 88	
				\$104 50
<i>March.</i>				
Supt.,	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	days @ \$2.00 .	\$21 00	
Teams,	68 $\frac{1}{4}$	" @ 1.50 .	102 38	
Laborers,	145 $\frac{3}{4}$	" @ 1.50 .	218 62	
"	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	" @ 1.00 .	2 50	
				\$344 50
<i>April.</i>				
Supt.,	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	days @ \$2.00 .	\$41 00	
Teams,	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	" @ 1.50 .	189 74	
Laborers,	378	" @ 1.50 .	567 00	
				\$797 74
<i>May.</i>				
Supt.,	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	days @ \$2.00 .	\$41 50	
Teams,	54 $\frac{1}{4}$	" @ 1.50 .	81 37	
Laborers,	181 $\frac{1}{4}$	" @ 1.50 .	271 86	
				\$394 73
<i>June.</i>				
Supt.,	14	days @ \$2.00 .	\$28 00	
Teams,	31	" @ 1.50 .	46 50	
Laborers,	145 $\frac{1}{4}$	" @ 1.50 .	217 87	
				\$292 37
<i>July.</i>				
Supt.,	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	days @ \$2.00 .	\$31 00	
Teams,	25 $\frac{1}{4}$	" @ 1.50 .	37 87	
Laborers,	98 $\frac{1}{2}$	" @ 1.50 .	147 70	
				\$216 57
<i>August.</i>				
Supt.,	21	days @ \$2.00 .	\$42 00	
Teams,	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	" @ 1.50 .	41 25	
Oxen,	2	" @ 1.75 .	3 50	
Laborers,	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	" @ 1.50 .	138 75	
				\$225 50
<i>September.</i>				
Supt.,	5	days @ \$2.00 .	\$10 00	
Teams,	20	" @ 1.50 .	30 00	
Laborers,	70	" @ 1.50 .	105 00	
				\$145 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>				\$2,606 66

<i>Amount brought forward</i>				\$2,606 66
<i>October.</i>				
Teams,	8½ days @	\$1.50 .	\$12 75	
Laborers,	31 “ @	1.50 .	46 50	
				\$59 25
<i>December.</i>				
Supt.,	3½ days @	\$2.00 .	\$7 00	
Teams,	4 “ @	1.50 .	6 00	
Laborers,	6½ “ @	1.50 .	9 75	
				\$22 75
				\$2,688 66

TRIMMING TREES.

Paid for labor, 21½ days, @ \$1.50 per day	.	.	\$32 25
“ 5½ “ @ 1.75 “	.	.	9 62
team, 11 “ @ 1.00 “	.	.	11 00
			\$52 87

SUNDRIES.

Dexter Pratt, surveying	.	.	.	\$15 40
Bugbee & Barrett, spikes and powder	.	.	.	1 25
Alex. McBeth, sharpening tools	.	.	.	5 55
Thos. McCoubry, “ “ etc.	.	.	.	81 70
Edwards Brothers, snow-plough and sharpening tools	.	.	.	19 77
Whitemore Brothers, shovels	.	.	.	23 85
George R. Palmer, labor and team	.	.	.	12 00
J. P. Deering, lumber	.	.	.	4 68
J. C. Howes, lanterns	.	.	.	2 20
				\$166 40

GRAVEL.

D. W. Gooch, 1224 loads at 10c.	.	.	.	\$122 40
D. W. Gooch, 1386 loads at 8c. (1880)	.	.	.	110 88
A. H. Heath, 425 loads at 10c.	.	.	.	42 50
R. Philpot, 11 loads (delivered)	.	.	.	4 12
				\$279 90

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation and balance	.	.	.	\$3,249 07
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EXPENDED.

Labor and teams	2,688 66
Trimming trees	52 87
Sundries	166 40
Gravel	279 90

 \$3,187 83

Balance unexpended . . .	61 24
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\$3,249 07

MELROSE WATER FUND.

Jan. 1, 1881. To the credit of the account . . .	\$2,694 12
Appropriations for the use of the water . . .	2,000 00
for maintenance	1,500 00
for deficiency, construction account, 1880 . . .	371 96
Received from A. Lane, Superintendent, cash at various times, water-rates collected, etc.	11,048 00
	\$17,614 08

EXPENDED.

Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 per cent per annum	\$9,000 00
bills on account of construction and maintenance (for a detailed statement of which, see Commissioners' report)	4,007 60
Treasurer of Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners, per order, surplus over expenses for 1880 . . .	3,066 08

 \$16,073 68

Jan. 1, 1882, To the credit of the account . . .	1,540 40
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\$17,614 08

TOWN HALL.

No appropriation.

EXPENDED.

Samuel L. Walton, services as janitor six months	\$100 00
Samuel L. Walton, " " "	125 00
Seth E. Benson, 30 tons coal	174 00
John Lahy, charcoal	4 00
Malden and Melrose G. L. Co., 72,700 feet gas	218 10
D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	13 00
C. Taylor, stock and labor	54 11
Thomas Cunningham, repairing steam boiler	56 37
S. L. Walton, radiators, etc.	3 75
J. C. Howes, stock and labor	22 62
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	5 86
John Larrabee, chemicals	80
W. J. Silver, repairing flag	1 00
	\$778 61

RECEIPTS.

Melrose Lyceum, use of hall	\$200 00
Melrose Musical Association, use of hall	26 00
Spaulding's Bell Ringers, " "	25 00
Republican caucus, " "	5 04
Melrose Savings Bank, rent	50 00
A. B. Pierce, use of lock-up	2 00
	\$308 04
Expenditures exceed receipts	470 57
	\$778 61

DRAINAGE, BRIDGES, AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Balance from last year	142 00
	\$942 09

EXPENDED.

Marcellus Day & Co., 18 in. pipe . .	\$216 15	
Waldo Brothers, 12 " . .	26 33	
B. & M. R. R., freight on pipe . .	15 32	
J. P. Deering, boards	9 45	
S. E. Benson, sleepers	4 64	
T. R. Newhall, granite covers . .	44 10	
Kidney & Libby, cesspool stones . .	31 62	
James Marshall, repairing bridge . .	3 00	
Walter B. Ellis, —		
27½ square yds. concrete . .	\$13 67	
Covering stones	40 00	
Labor, 2 days	3 00	
		56 67
		\$407 28

For Labor and Teams.

A. W. Lynde, 37½ days labor, at \$2.00		
per day	\$75 00	
Dexter Pratt, 2 days labor, at \$2.00 per		
day	4 00	
Teams, 54 days, at \$1.50 per day . .	81 00	
Laborers, 217 days, at \$1.50 per day . .	325 50	
		\$485 50
		\$892 78
Balance unexpended		49 31
		\$942 09

ARMORY RENT.

Received from State Treasurer rent for one year to	
Jan. 1, 1882	\$600 00
Paid Henry A. Leonard rent to Jan. 1, 1882	600 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Balance from last year	522 69
	\$1,322 69

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EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Company of Boston for lighting and care of 125 lamps 6 months \$499 98

129 " 1 month 86 01

130 " 5 months 433 40

\$1,019 39

Balance unexpended . . . 303 30

\$1,322 69

ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation \$100 00

Balance from last year 11 25

\$111 25

EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Company for 5 iron posts, frames, and 7 copper lanterns . \$86 35

Balance unexpended 24 90

\$111 25

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

For 2 lots sold residents, at \$55 each \$110 00

11 " " at \$40 each 440 00

From residents on account of lots sold 20 00

For lots sold non-residents, two at \$165 each 330 00

For graves sold non-residents 17 00

residents 27 00

For grass sold 5 25

\$949 25

EXPENDED.

Thomas Marshall, for labor, 68 $\frac{1}{4}$ days at \$1.50 per day \$102 37

team, 19 " " " 28 51

manure and sods 4 95

George Gobel, labor, 63 days at \$1.50 per day . . . 94 51

B. F. Smith, driving tubular wells, pumps, etc. . . 160 00

R. Whowell, sign-boards 1 00

Justus Geist, plants 15 20

Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools 10 86

Amount carried forward \$417 40

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$417 40
Bugbee & Barrett, pails	90
Geo. Newhall, making 23 deeds (1880-81)	11 50
H. J. Rice, granite posts, for signs	10 50
E. O. Howes, stock and labor	6 40
J. P. Deering, lumber	4 43
Moses P. Mitchell, whitewashing tomb	4 00
Henry E. Murch, marble markers	34 00
George Newhall, services on committee	25 00
John Larrabee " " "	25 00
	<u>\$539 13</u>

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$2,250 00
Balance from last year	297 90
	<u>\$2,547 90</u>

EXPENDED.

Daniel Norton, Jr., Selectman and Overseer of Poor	\$200 00
Joseph F. Boyd, Selectman and Overseer of Poor	200 00
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman Overseers of Poor	250 00
John Larrabee, Town Clerk	175 00
George Newhall, Treasurer	500 00
George C. Stantial, Assessor	150 00
James C. Currier, Assessor	150 00
Dexter Pratt, Assessor	150 00
John R. Norton, Auditor, 1880	15 00
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor, 1880	15 00
Ernest Mendum, Auditor, 1880	15 00
Moses Briggs, Collector, one-half of 1 per cent. for collecting \$31,892.68, general taxes of 1880	159 46
Moses Briggs, Collector, 5 per cent. for collecting \$672.35, poll-taxes of 1880	33 62
	<u>\$2,013 08</u>
Balance unexpended	534 82
	<u>\$2,547 90</u>

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$6,300 00
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year 1880	861 81
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year 1881	61 51
Balance from last year	415 63
	\$7,638 95

EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds (\$65,000) at 7 per cent	\$4,550 00
on notes to Lowell Institution for Savings .	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Massachusetts .	1,000 00
on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes .	556 22
	\$7,306 22
Balance unexpended	332 73
	\$7,638 95

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCHMEN.

Appropriation	\$900 00
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EXPENDED.

Night Watch.

A. B. Pierce, 365 nights*	\$730 00
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Police.

A. B. Pierce, 132 hours	33 00
Samuel L. Walton, 40 hours	10 00
Joseph Holbrook, 390 hours	97 50
H. W. Cushman, 14½ hours	3 63
A. C. Chick, 21 hours	5 25
	\$879 38
Balance unexpended	20 62
	\$900 00

STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of amount paid during year 1880 (in full)	\$1,309 50
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* Includes street duty evenings.

PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING
YEAR 1881.

Samuel Sprague	\$120 00
Isaac C. Dowling	120 00
George C. Buckman	120 00
William Story	120 00
George A. Tainter	120 00
Horace W. Cushman	100 00
Luzon Weeks	72 00
Joseph S. Eastman	72 00
Theodore L. Palmer	72 00
Sara E. Stilphen	12 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Harriet N. Lynde	36 00
Angus McDonald	66 00
Charles H. Young	66 00
George W. Babcock	6 00
James F. Ramsey	9 00
Ann M. Jewett	12 00
	\$1,315 00

MILITARY AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of aid paid in 1880 (one-half of amount paid)	\$368 88
[Sums paid under provisions chap. 252, Acts of 1879.]	
Avery B. Howard	\$98 00
Daniel D. Penney	73 50
Martin Shannon	22 00
George W. Grover, Jr.	111 00
Philip McMahan	98 00
William J. Riley	73 50
Wm. H. Richardson	80 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$556 00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$556 00
Moses P. Mitchell	49 00
Ede K. Chase	73 50
Edwin H. Downing	80 00
William B. York	16 00
Horace W. Stevens	18 00
John K. Roberts	53 00
William A. Johnson	8 00
	\$853 50

TOWN HALL.

IMPROVEMENT OF GROUNDS, ETC.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Expended last year, for freight on granite	41 71
Balance	\$958 29

EXPENDED.

A. Parker, for 1,248 feet edgestone, 1—6×6, 6 posts, 6 feet, 8×8, capping, 49×3	\$499 29
B. & M. R. R., freight on stone	49 30
Walter B. Ellis, teaming and setting 1,248 feet edgestone	99 84
setting posts and capping	4 00
concreting walks	36 00
labor, teams, and cement furnished	37 60
teaming 40 loads loam	10 00
P. R. Ellis, 41 loads loam at 40 cents	16 40
J. C. Ingalls, 51 “ 50 “	25 50
40 “ 20 “	8 00
man and team, 2½ days	7 50
Dexter Pratt, 45 loads loam	12 50
25 “	6 25
labor on grounds	30 00
expense for wire, grass seed, etc.	4 66
Robert Philpot, teaming	25 12
Patrick Kiervan, labor 34¼ days, at \$1.50	52 12
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$924 08

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$924 08
Thomas Brown, labor $7\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	10 88
Philip McMahan, labor $\frac{3}{4}$ day	1 13
A. W. Lynde, labor 1 day	\$2 00
man and horse, 1 day	3 00
	5 00
	\$941 09
Balance unexpended	17 20
	\$958 29

MAIN STREET CEMETERY.

Balance from last year	\$60 00
Paid Aaron Green for services as Special Committee	25 00
Balance unexpended	\$35 00

FRANKLIN STREET.

Appropriation	\$400 00
Balance	05
	\$400 05
Paid Ammi C. Chick, for blasting stone and widening street, as per contract	400 00
Balance	\$ 05

HEARSE.

Appropriation	\$75 00
Paid Edwards Brothers, repairing and painting hearse	29 00
Balance unexpended	\$46 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation authorized, dog tax and	\$500 00
Received from Amos Stone, County Treasurer, dog tax for 1880	401 58
	\$901 58
Paid to E. H. Goss, on orders from Trustees	\$901 58

CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Balance from last year	14 79

 \$514 79

EXPENDED.

Walter B. Ellis, for laying —

693 $\frac{1}{2}$ square yards concrete crossings, at 50 cents per yard	\$346 67
419 $\frac{8}{9}$ square yards concrete gutters, at 37 cents per yard	155 36
15 square yards concrete for driveway	5 55

 \$507 58
For Labor and Teams, Grading, Etc.

A. W. Lynde, 2 days	\$4 00
Teams, 4 "	6 00
Laborers, 32 "	48 00

 \$58 00

 \$565 58

Expenditures exceed \$50.79.

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
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RECEIPTS.

Estate of A. P. Lynde	\$22 28
Timothy Corey	29 10
Thos. Hawkins	7 66

 \$59 04

 \$1,059 04

EXPENDED.

Walter B. Ellis, one-half the expense of laying 3465 $\frac{3}{8}$ square yards concrete, at 37 cts. per yard	\$641 09
Walter B. Ellis, for laying 151 $\frac{7}{8}$ square yards con- crete, at 37 cents per yard	56 15
A. W. Lynde, one-half the expense of laying 74 square yards concrete, at 37 cents per yard	13 69
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$710 93

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$710 93
<i>For labor and teams, grading sidewalks for concrete.</i>		
A. W. Lynde, 12½ days, at \$2	\$25 00	
Teams, 12½ days, at \$1.50	18 75	
Laborers, 96¾ days, at \$1.50	145 12	
		\$188 87
Dexter Pratt, surveying	\$18 50	
W. B. Ellis, re-setting fence (Vine st.)	7 00	
		\$25 50
		\$925 30
Amount expended in 1880 over appropriation and receipts		52 93
		\$978 23
To the credit of the account		80 81
		\$1,059 04

Concrete walks have been laid in front of estates owned or occupied by the following named persons : —

	<i>Square yards.</i>
S. H. Nowell, Main street	122⅔
James McIntyre, “	79
Fernando C. Taylor, Main street	60⅔
Ansel B. Pierce, Main and Emerson streets	87⅔
Mrs. Mary Faxon, “ “	98⅔
Estate A. P. Lynde, Emerson street	120⅔
Mrs. A. S. Holbrook, “	62⅔
Stephen Shelton, “	67⅔
S. E. Benson, Tremont street	39⅔
Charlestown Savings Bank, Emerson and Tremont streets	150⅔
D. L. & J. G. Webster, Tremont street	110
Timothy Corey, Emerson street	34⅔
J. L. Withey, “	42
R. B. Leighton, “	60
E. P. Holmes, “	58⅔
S. H. Buttrick, “	66⅔
Robert Burlen, “	74⅔
W. I. Ellis, Lebanon “	126

Lemuel Nickerson, Lebanon street	42
H. E. Trowbridge, Foster and Cottage streets	178
Luzon Weeks, Trenton street	42 $\frac{2}{3}$
A. E. Worthen, Irving street	29 $\frac{3}{8}$
Addison Lane, "	53 $\frac{8}{9}$
J. L. Hanaford, Myrtle and Irving streets	66 $\frac{6}{9}$
John Green, Foster street	37 $\frac{3}{9}$
George P. Reed, Main street	31 $\frac{3}{9}$
Elbridge Green, "	80 $\frac{3}{9}$
H. A. Leonard, "	145 $\frac{6}{9}$
George Stockwell, "	58 $\frac{3}{9}$
Dudley Chandler, Essex street	88
W. W. Boardman, "	36 $\frac{6}{9}$
Estate Enoch Boyd, Irving street	96 $\frac{6}{9}$
Mary Davenport, "	36
Walter B. Ellis, Winthrop street	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
T. W. Ripley, Franklin "	114
F. F. Preble, Trenton "	58
D. D. Stratton, Chestnut "	50
Mrs. A. F. Dearborn, Wyoming avenue	127
John O. Hayes, "	48
Martin V. Stetson, "	47
Lafayette Burr, Trenton street and Wyoming avenue	40
S. S. Houghton, Wyoming avenue	78
Charlestown Savings Bank, Emerson street	65 $\frac{2}{3}$
D. L. & J. G. Webster, "	44 $\frac{1}{2}$
Estate Lucy Westgate, Main street	119 $\frac{3}{4}$
George F. Boardman, "	240
Mrs. George F. Boardman "	36 $\frac{2}{3}$
Vine-street, walks widened	31 $\frac{1}{3}$
A. W. Lynde, Emerson street	74

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the books of the Treasurer, and find them correct, and vouchers accompanying them.

The balance cash on hand Jan. 23, 1882, stands to the credit of the Town of Melrose on the books of the Everett National and Freeman's National Banks of Boston.

The receipts held by the Collectors for moneys paid to the Treasurer on account of taxes for the several years, were found to agree with the amounts credited to them on his books.

We have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Public Library, and find them correct and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANK E. ORCUTT,
JOHN R. NORTON,
ERNEST MENDUM,

Auditors.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.



Cash in the treasury Jan. 24, 1881	\$672 48
Total receipts for the year	79,376 08
	\$80,048 56
Total disbursements for the year	79,410 17
Cash in the treasury Jan. 23, 1882	\$638 39

PERMANENT LOANS.

December 1, 1881, paid note to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$5,000 00
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TEMPORARY LOANS.

Borrowed of Melrose Savings Bank during April and July, and paid in October	\$5,000 00
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STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT. — JAN. 1, 1882.

BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1, 1892	50,000 00
Town Hall bonds, due Oct. 1, 1892	65,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$215,000 00

Amount brought forward \$215,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Notes Outstanding.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due	
Oct. 15, 1883, interest 6 per cent .	\$5,000 00
Lowell Institution for Savings, due	
Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent .	20,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due	
Oct. 15, 1888, interest 6 per cent .	5,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due	
Dec. 1, 1882, interest 4 per cent .	5,000 00
	35,000 00

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Alvah A. Smith of Boston, due Dec. 24, 1882, interest 4 per cent. (renewed for one year) . .	12,000 00
Total	\$262,000 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on account of State aid (1881)	\$1,315 00
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of military aid (1881)	426 75
Bills due on poor account	312 87
Uncollected taxes:—	
1878	\$192 81
1879	553 48
1880	919 71
1881	20,980 42
	22,646 42
Water Loan Sinking Fund, Jan. 23, 1882..	8,715 02
Cash in the treasury	638 39
	\$34,054 45
Net debt more than assets available	227,945 55
	\$262,000 00

Respectfully submitted.

(E. and O. excepted.)

GEO. NEWHALL,
Treasurer

MELROSE, Jan. 23, 1882.

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER.

Jan. 24, 1881. Cash in treasury \$672 48

RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer:—

On account of School Fund	\$181 96	
Armory rent, 1881	600 00	
State aid, 1880	1,309 50	
Corporation tax, 1880	365 73	
“ “ 1881	1,938 36	
Bank tax, 1880	20 84	
“ “ 1881	617 32	
Military aid, 1880	368 88	
		5,402 59

From various sources:—

On account of Poor Fund	\$1,182 12	
School Fund	12 00	
Contingent Fund	10 00	
Sidewalks	22 28	
For use of Town Hall	308 04	
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1880	401 58	
For lots, graves, etc., Wyoming Cemetery	949 25	
From A. Lane, Superintendent, water		
rates collected, etc.	11,048 00	
		13,933 27

TAXES.

From A. B. Pierce, Collector, taxes for 1877	103 39
Moses Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1880	21,436 83
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, taxes for 1881	33,500 00

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Received on Treasurer's notes	5,000 00
	\$80,048 56

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE. Cr.

By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows:—

School Fund	\$13,230 85	
School contingent expenses	1,928 32	
Contingent Fund	812 87	
Poor Fund	6,806 20	
Fire Department	1,935 47	
Town Hall	778 61	
Street lights	1,019 39	
Cemetery (Wyoming)	539 13	
Police	879 38	
Town officers' salaries	2,013 08	
State aid	1,315 00	
Water Fund	4,007 60	
Drainage	892 78	
Armory rent	600 00	
Main-street Cemetery	25 00	
Additional street lamps	86 35	
Concrete sidewalks	925 30	
Concrete crossings and gutters	565 58	
Military aid	853 50	
Highways	3,187 83	
Franklin street	400 00	
Improvements Town Hall grounds	941 09	
Hearse (repairs)	29 00	
		\$43,772 33

By paid interest on Water Fund bonds \$9,000 000

“ “ notes and Town

Hall bonds	7,306 22	
order of Trustees Public Library	901 58	
State tax, 1881	3,570 00	
County tax, 1881	1,793 96	
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking Fund (surplus 1880)	3,066 08	
		25,637 84

TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's notes	10,000 00	
		\$79,410 17
Jan. 23, 1882. By cash in the treasury	638 39	
		\$80,048 56

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

Gentlemen, — The Board of Fire Engineers herewith submit their annual report for your approval, with list of fires, losses and insurance as far as could be ascertained. With the exception of the fire at Jonathan Barrett's building on Emerson street, the losses are small, and we think the Department has acquitted itself in a creditable manner when called upon.

We would again call your attention to the fact, that if a fire should get under good headway in any part of the Town, and more especially among the residences on the hills, we should be unable to successfully cope with it, unless we resorted to the rather humiliating and worn-out plan of sending to Malden for help. Many parts of the Town are too high for the hydrant service to be effective, even under the most favorable condition of the pond ; and, in the centre, when we tap several hydrants in close proximity to each other, the streams are so weakened as to be almost useless.

The house of the Russell Hose Company is in need of repairs and should be moved forward on the street ; but we have hesitated about laying out the money, as, in case the Town should purchase a steamer it would, probably, be located there, and the repairs and alterations should be made with a view to accommodate it. The old Endeavor hand engine could probably be sold to good advantage, in exchange for a steam fire engine.

FIRES.

May 7. The house owned and occupied by Mr. Burns, on Second street, caught fire from a defective chimney and was partly consumed. Insured.

June 21. The building on Emerson street owned by Jonathan Barrett, and occupied by Messrs. Luce and Manning, was totally

destroyed. Loss, as near as could be ascertained, \$10,000. Cause unknown.

Oct. 19. Slight fire in the Methodist parsonage, caused by a defect in the chimney.

There have also been several alarms for wood fires where no damage ensued, but which, nevertheless, are a source of much trouble to the firemen, and generally result in some damage to the apparatus.

We would respectfully suggest to the people living in places where small brush fires are constantly occurring, that they cause an alarm to be rung only when it is needed, and the Department can do some good.

The expenses of the year have been \$1,935.47. The appropriation was \$2,000, and the unexpended balance, \$141.56, leaving the sum of \$206.09 to the credit of the Department.

Respectfully submitted for the Board of Engineers.

F. E. HOWE, *Chief.*

J. R. SIMONDS.

L. F. HINCKLEY, *Clerk..*

MELROSE, Jan. 1, 1882.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1881.

Number of inhabitants	4,508
children 5 to 15 years of age	919
dwellings	1,014
horses	296
cows	150
dogs	213
acres of land taxed (about)	2,700

Value of real estate	\$3,376,200
personal estate	328,858

Total valuation	\$3,705,058
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Rate of taxation, \$13.80 per \$1,000.

Amount of appropriations	\$46,624 12
State tax	3,570 00
County tax	1,793 96
overlay	1,593 69
sidewalk assessments	103 60
	\$53,685 37

Assessed as follows : —

Number of polls, 1,226.

Amount of tax on polls, \$2 each	\$2,452 00
personal estate	4,538 21
real estate	46,591 56
sidewalk assessments	103 60

Amount of warrant committed to the Collector	\$53,685 37
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Additional assessments	898 19
“ “ re-assessed	35 19
“ “ women	5 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$54,623 75</i>
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ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	\$54,623 75
Less abatements	.	.	.	.	\$169 65
“ “ re-assessed	.	.	.	.	35 19
					<u>204 84</u>
Net amount Jan. 1, 1882	.	.	.	.	\$54,418 91
On which there has been collected					\$33,438 49
And interest	.	.	.	.	61 51
					<u>\$33,500 00</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1881.

Charles Barrett Estate	\$2 25	Mrs. Ellen J. Wing	\$5 52
Emery Close	8 28	Mrs. Abigail Cutter	1 66
Matthew Cassells	2 59	Mrs. Zilpha Butler	2 08
Jacob Gobel Estate	5 52	Mrs. S. S. Twombly	6 90
Samuel D. Taylor	6 84	Mrs. Louisa Kendall	3 98
Levi W. Green, guardian	2 76	Mrs. Hiram Whitney	8 38
John Gateley Estate	1 92	Miss Mary A. O'Riley	6 90
Charles Pratt	2 00	Miss Nancy S. Wilson	2 76
Levi Miles Estate	4 32	Miss Joana Stackpole	3 63
J. P. Mendum	20 01	Melrose Savings Bank, re-	
James Sayse	20 01	assessed	26 22
George Upham	6 83	Charles T. Stevens, re-assessed	8 97
Mrs. C. W. Clinckard	6 90	Misses Moody	11 04
Mrs. Lyman Elmes	5 00	Misses Conway	11 04
Mrs. Ellen Hurley	2 94		
Mrs. Esther M. Morcombe	...7 59		<u>\$204 84</u>

FOR YEAR 1880.

Net amount of Collector's book Jan. 1, 1881, as per last report	.	.	.	.	.	\$54,251 93
Additional assessments in 1881	.	.	.	.	.	11 26
						<u>\$54,263 19</u>
Abatements made in 1881	.	.	.	.	.	271 11
						<u>\$53,992 08</u>
Net amount Jan. 1, 1882	.	.	.	.	.	\$53,992 08
On which there has been collected	.					\$53,072 37
And interest	.	.	.	.	.	929 49
						<u>\$54,001 86</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1880, DURING 1881.

Geo. W. Crocker Estate.....	\$34 91	Charles H. Hall	\$2 00
W. H. Richardson.....	2 00	Misses Conway	16 57
John K. Roberts	2 70	Fred Mausmann.....	2 00
G. A. Lans Estate	3 48	— Mitchell.....	2 00
James L. Wheeler	2 00	John McMurray	2 00
George Upham	5 98	William J. Riley.....	2 00
Jacob Gobel Estate	5 70	M. Belisle.....	2 00
Franklin S. Young	2 00	E. C. Ellison.....	2 00
Thomas Dermott.....	2 00	John W. Furbush	2 00
William Donnavan.....	2 00	Geo. B. Farrar.....	2 00
Patrick Ganey	2 00	Joseph Fernald.....	2 00
Moses Greenwood	2 00	Wm. Dolphin	2 00
George Hunt.....	2 36	Lyman Elmes	2 36
Frank Hamlin.....	2 00	Peter Fleming.....	2 00
Francis Hole	2 00	Napoleon Gagnon.....	2 00
Thomas Hawkes.....	2 00	Bryan Griffin.....	2 00
John Higgins.....	2 00	George A. Gould.....	2 00
William C. Jenkins.....	2 00	Wm. P. Emerson.....	1 00
James Killian.....	2 00	Miss Cynthia Howard.....	5 34
George Lee.....	2 00	Miss Mary A. O'Riley.....	6 50
Michael McIlhargie	2 00	Mrs. Mary F. Howard.....	2 49
Hiram Mace	4 85	Mrs. Mary E. Cushman	1 72
George W. Odell	2 00	Mrs. H. A. Avery.....	4 56
George R. Palmer	2 00	Mrs. Sarah E. Stilphen.....	3 16
— Putney	2 00	Mrs. Mary A. Wheeler.....	7 06
— Parrow	2 00	Mrs. Achsah Pratt	36
Frank G. Parker.....	2 00	Misses Moody	11 40
Clarence A. Rowell.....	2 00	Mrs. Michael Powers	13 90
E. A. Vogel.....	2 00	Mrs. Lucy A. Barrett	4 27
Charles Whitney	2 00	Mrs. Maria F. Hill.....	2 00
Edward A. Alden.....	2 00	Mrs. Esther M. Morcombe	7 84
Warren Cunningham	2 00	Mrs. Mary E. Howard	5 70
Robert Chisholm	2 00	Mrs. Harriet M. Smith.....	6 39
Edward Johnson	2 00	Chas. T. Stevens, re-assessed ..	9 26
F. A. Messenger	14 25		
Horace P. Milton.....	2 00		
			\$271 11

FOR YEAR 1879.

Net amount of Collector's book, Jan. 1, 1881, as per last report	\$57,178 07
Abatements made in 1881	166 03
Net amount Jan. 1, 1882	\$57,012 04
On which there has been collected	\$56,458 56
And interest	972 79
	\$57,431 35

ABATEMENTS ON 1879, DURING 1881.

John Higgins	\$2 00	Bryan Griffin	\$2 00
James Wakefield	2 00	Clarence M. Godding.....	2 00
Charles Whitney	2 00	Patrick Hayes.....	2 00
Wm. C. Coburn	2 00	J. O. Harriman.....	2 00
Andrew Waitt.....	2 00	Chas. H. Howard.....	2 00
Wm. H. Storey.....	2 00	John F. Jackson	2 00
Edward Longfellow	2 00	Alex. Kennedy.....	2 00
James L. Phillips.....	2 00	James Killian.....	2 00
John Cornell	2 00	Augustus J. Long.....	2 00
Charles Small	2 00	Moses H. Miller.....	1 00
Edward P. Holt	2 00	Henry Mitchell.....	2 00
George Wilkinson	2 00	Thomas Minit.....	2 00
Mrs. Harriet M. Smith.....	7 62	Thomas May.....	2 00
Mrs. Eliza J. Dole	2 00	C. W. Myrick	2 00
Chas. Hottleman	2 00	F. W. Mitchell.....	2 00
Pelotiah Spearin	2 00	James Marshall.....	2 00
E. A. Pardee.....	2 00	Michael McQuaid.....	2 00
H. R. Williams.....	2 00	Patrick H. Noyes.....	2 00
A. F. Cobb.....	2 00	George R. Palmer.....	2 00
James G. Hanscomb.....	2 00	Chas. H. Phipps.....	2 00
Greenleaf A. Hanscomb.....	2 00	Gilbert Perkins.....	2 00
A. Kelley	2 00	John Russell.....	2 00
Lambert Wheaton	2 00	Chas. A. H. Reikman.....	2 00
Edwin Mayo	2 00	Patrick Ryan.....	2 00
Albert Patterson.....	2 00	Patrick Regan.....	2 00
John Callahan.....	2 00	Jas. F. Ramsey.....	2 00
Timothy C. O'Hara.....	2 00	Joseph Russell	2 00
Frank Smith.....	2 00	John Sheean	2 00
Andrew G. Oberg.....	2 00	Alonzo Stevens.....	2 00
E. D. Curtis.....	2 00	H. Smith	2 00
D. L. Taylor.....	7 41	B. Towder	2 00
E. A. Bachelder.....	2 00	Frank Wheeler.....	2 00
Henry Bates.....	2 00	Joseph Wilkinson	2 00
Henry Bowman.....	2 00	Henry Kennard	2 00
Chas. A. Douglas.....	2 00	M. S. Halladay	2 00
Robert Fleming.....	2 00	Wm. O. Brien	2 00
James E. Fallon.....	2 00	John McMurray.....	2 00
J. M. Gilmore	2 00	Geo. B. Farrar	2 00
Thos. J. Greaves.....	2 00		
Fred. S. Gage.....	2 00		
			\$166 03

FOR YEAR 1878.

Net amount of Collector's book Jan. 1, 1881, as per last report	\$49,726 70
Abatements in 1881	202 01
Net amount Jan. 1, 1882	\$49,524 69
On which there has been collected	\$49,331 88
And interest	892 13
	\$50,224 01

ABATEMENTS ON 1878, DURING 1881.

Andrew Waitt.....	\$2 00	J. C. Ramsdell.....	\$2 00
J. F. Andrews	2 00	Alonzo Stevens....	2 00
Henry Barron, 2d.....	2 00	C. H. Shaw.....	2 00
Geo. C. Bucknam	42	Geo. M. Stone.....	2 00
Edward E. Butler.....	2 00	— Stevens.....	2 00
E. S. Coombs	2 00	Rufus Smith	2 00
Albert Cheever.....	2 00	Wm. Storton	2 00
Chas. A. Douglass.....	2 00	M. S. Halladay	2 00
Joseph S. Emerson	2 00	Thomas Huntington	2 00
James E. Fallon.....	2 00	C. A. H. Reikman	2 00
Chas. F. Hunt	4 40	Wm. Taylor	2 00
A. S. Hersey	4 16	D. L. Taylor	11 18
Patrick Hayes.....	2 00	John Russell	2 00
Josh Holbrook	2 12	Joseph Whowell	2 00
A. R. Horr.....	2 00	Dr. J. H. Talbot	3 00
Leonard Jackson.....	2 00	J. Austin Bassett, Jr.....	2 00
Henry Kennard	2 00	C. M. Damon	2 00
Augustus J. Long.....	2 00	Mrs. M. A. Livermore	45 00
John McMurray.....	2 00	Miss Eliza Livermore.....	60 00
Moses H. Miller	2 00	Mary E. Walker.....	1 73
Thomas May.....	2 00	John Heeney.....	2 00
Michael McQuade	2 00		
Geo. R. Palmer	2 00		
			\$202 01

GEO. C. STANTIAL.

JAMES C. CURRIER.

DEXTER PRATT.

Assessors.

COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1881.

Amount of warrant and tax list, as received from the Assessors, including sidewalk assessment .	\$53,685 37
Additional assessments	933 38
women	5 00
	\$54,623 75
Abatements (see Assessors' report)	204 84
	\$54,418 91
Interest collected	61 51
	\$54,480 42
Cash paid Treasurer	33,500 00
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1882	\$20,980 42

JONATHAN C. HOWES,
Collector for 1881.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1880.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1881, as per last report .	\$21,755 04
Additional assessments	11 26
	\$21,766 30
Abatements in 1881 (see Assessors' Report)	271 11
	\$21,495 19
Interest collected in 1881	861 81
	\$22,357 00
Paid Treasurer in 1881	\$21,437 29
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1882	\$919 71

MOSES BRIGGS,
Collector for 1880.

COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1879.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1881, as per last report . .	\$719 51
Abatements in 1881 (see Assessors' Report) . .	166 03
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1882	\$553 48

JOHN R. JONES,

Collector for 1879.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1878.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1881, as per last report . .	\$394 82
Abatements in 1881 (see Assessors' Report) . .	202 01
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1882	\$192 81

JOHN R. JONES,

Collector for 1878.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Water Commissioners herewith present their Twelfth Annual Report, together with the customary report of the Superintendent, to which we refer you for a detailed statement of the operations of this department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1881.

In regard to the engine and pump placed at the pond, we will say that the Water Commissioners of Malden assumed and paid the entire expense.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year as follows : —

For hydrants, Town Hall, school houses, etc.	\$2,000 00
“ maintenance	1,500 00

WATER-TAKERS, 1882.

Families	893
Apothecaries	2
Aquarium	1
Armory	1
Barber shops	2
Blacksmith shop	1
Bakehouse	1
Bookbindery	1
Churches	6
Carriage shop	1
Engine and hose houses	4
Fish markets	2
Greenhouses	6
Hand hose	240
Hydrants	89
Halls	5
Livery and boarding stables	4

Manufactories	5
Motors	1
Ornamental fountains	7
Private stables	30
Printing office	1
Public drinking fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad depots	3
Standpipes	2
School houses	7
Stores and shops	20
Truck and cart stables	12
Number of water-takers as per register 1882 .	1,006
Number of water-takers as per register 1881 .	980
Increase over 1881	26

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount Received for Water Rates exclusively.

1870-71	\$3,909 29
1872	5,141 84
1873	6,133 88
1874	7,202 31
1875	7,882 85
1876	8,788 93
1877	8,850 45
1878	9,267 95
1879	9,717 13
1880	9,863 14
1881	10,223 84
Estimated income for 1882	10,600 00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1881 . . . \$175,829 43

Expended this year as follows:—

Richard Pattee, hydrants . . .	\$99 00
Boston Machine Co., gates . . .	81 20
Town of Malden, pipe . . .	381 00

Amount carried forward . . . \$561 20

<i>Amounts brought forward . . .</i>	\$561 20	\$175,829 43
Ward W. Hawkes, corporation bands . . .	8 00	
Summers & Hunt, fittings . . .	23 20	
Seth E. Benson, cement . . .	61 12	
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools . . .	13 21	
J. C. Howes, labor and material . . .	95 23	
Thomas Cunningham & Sons, pipe . . .	72 30	
Bills for trenching . . .	323 72	
		1,157 98
Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1882 . . .		\$176,987 41

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Dalton & Ingersoll, fittings . . .	\$12 45
Dexter & Brothers, white lead . . .	7 00
C. M. Clapp, rubber cloth . . .	5 75
Henry Barron, expressing . . .	2 05
John Larrabee, services auditing acc'ts, etc. . .	15 00
H. A. Leonard, cotton cloth . . .	1 10
C. W. Eaton, printing . . .	40 00
G. B. Sargent, press . . .	7 00
Oscar F. Frost, hardware . . .	1 60
C. G. Harris, cotton drilling . . .	1 21
R. A. Freeman, teaming . . .	7 50
Summers & Hunt, corporation stops . . .	30 30
H. W. Jewett & Co., stop boxes . . .	25 00
Small & Lovejoy, gate boxes . . .	18 00
Thomas Cunningham & Sons, pipe . . .	206 32
N. E. News Co., blank books . . .	3 78
Davis & Farnum, iron boxes . . .	34 65
Peris R. Ellis, teaming . . .	20 75
Bugbee & Barrett, hardware . . .	10 45
Geo. W. Bartlett, horse hire . . .	53 50
M. F. Eastman, expressing . . .	21 55
Addison Lane, superintendent . . .	900 00
S. E. Benson, cement . . .	28 11
James Worthen, sundries . . .	4 39
<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	\$1,457 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,457 46	
J. P. Deering, lumber		1 82	
Edwards Brothers, repairs		4 85	
E. I. Collins, distributing notices		3 00	
Addison Lane, expense		18 35	
W. W. Boardman, horse hire		11 00	
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools		12 63	
J. D. Wilde, commissioner		50 00	
W. I. Ellis, “		50 00	
J. R. Simonds, “		50 00	
Bills for trenching and repairs		855 49	
J. C. Howes, labor and material		96 62	
Town of Medford, brass fittings		1 40	
Expense in lowering pipe		237 00	
			\$2,849 62

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 1, 1881, Coupons on \$50,000	\$1,500 00	
July 1, “ Coupons on \$100,000	3,000 00	
Oct. 1, “ Coupons on \$50,000	1,500 00	
Jan. 1, 1882, Coupons on \$100,000	3,000 00	
		9,000 00
		\$11,849 62

RECEIPTS.

Received from Town for use of water	\$2,000 00	
“ maintenance	1,500 00	
Town of Malden for care gate house	299 43	
“ pay of engineers	82 25	
for water rates	10,223 84	
on pipe account	422 38	
for stock sold	17 70	
notices	40	
shutting off and letting on	2 00	
		\$14,548 00

CONTRA.

Paid on interest account	\$9,000 00	
expenses	2,849 62	
		11,849 62
Surplus for the year		\$2,698 38

Furniture, Stock, and Tools on Hand Jan. 1, 1882.

Office furniture	\$170 00
Tools of all kinds	225 00
Stock	436 74
	\$831 74

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

MELROSE WATER COMMISSIONERS :

Gentlemen,— In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith present to you my Annual Report showing the progress and condition of the works.

THE POND.

By reference to the record of the rise and fall of the pond it will be seen that at the beginning of the year the water was very low, and that it was necessary to run the pump for a short time in order to keep up a supply. But about the first of March the pond rose very rapidly, and commenced to run over the wasteway March 22. Since that time there has been an abundance of water, and of the very best quality. The lowest point reached was on Dec. 22, when it was 32 inches below high-water mark.

RECORD.

Rise and fall of the pond in 1881.

When the last report was closed (Dec. 31, 1880) the water was $63\frac{1}{4}$ inches below high-water mark, and only $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches above the top of the pipe at the gate-house.

On Jan. 8th commenced pumping, and the pump was kept running until Jan. 22. At that time there was 6 inches of water over the pipe.

Jan. 30 the water was 61 inches below high-water mark.

As the water continued to lower in the pond the pump was again started Feb. 6, and continued until Feb. 13.

Feb. 15	pond $52\frac{3}{4}$ inches below high-water mark.
“ 20	“ 48 “ “
“ 28	“ 45 “ “
Mar. 10	“ 18 “ “
“ 20	“ 3 “ “

Mar.	22	Water commenced to run over the stone at wasteway, and continued running over and at high-water mark until April 30.			
May	10	.	.	pond	$\frac{1}{4}$ inches below high-water mark.
"	20	.	.	"	$1\frac{1}{4}$ "
"	30	.	.	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
June	10	.	.	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
"	20	.	.	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
"	30	.	.	"	$\frac{1}{4}$ "
July	10	.	.	"	$\frac{3}{4}$ "
"	20	.	.	"	4 "
"	30	.	.	"	6 "
Aug.	10	.	.	"	$8\frac{3}{4}$ "
"	20	.	.	"	$12\frac{3}{4}$ "
"	30	.	.	"	$15\frac{3}{4}$ "
Sept.	10	.	.	"	$17\frac{1}{2}$ "
"	20	.	.	"	20 "
"	30	.	.	"	$22\frac{1}{4}$ "
Oct.	10	.	.	"	$25\frac{1}{4}$ "
"	20	.	.	"	$27\frac{3}{4}$ "
"	30	.	.	"	$30\frac{1}{4}$ "
Nov.	10	.	.	"	$30\frac{1}{4}$ "
"	20	.	.	"	$29\frac{1}{2}$ "
"	30	.	.	"	31 "
Dec.	10	.	.	"	31 "
"	20	.	.	"	$31\frac{3}{4}$ "
"	22	.	.	"	32 inches. (The lowest point.)
"	31	.	.	"	$28\frac{3}{4}$ " below high-water mark.

COMPARATIVE RECORD.

*Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond
has been drawn since 1874.*

1874.

Lowest point, 43 inches. Dec. 7.

1875.

Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full June 23. Next
lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.

1876.

Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full March 25.

1877.

Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full March 15.

1878.

Lowest point, $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Nov. 13. Pond full Jan. 15. Pond full second time Dec. 14.

1879.

Lowest point, Dec. 30. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1 to May 20.

1880.

Lowest point Dec. 30. Highest point May 10, being then 12 inches below high-water mark.

1881.

Lowest point Dec. 22. Pond full and running over at waste-way from March 22 to April 30.

STREET MAINS.

The street mains continue in good condition, but few leaks having occurred.

Nine hundred feet of 4-inch pipe has been laid on Bellevue avenue, from which a revenue will be derived sufficient to pay the interest on the cost, according to a vote of the Town. Making sixteen and one-half miles of street mains now laid, in the Town.

Cutting down some of the streets by the highway surveyor, in conformity with the grade plans adopted by the Town, required the lowering of the main pipes at an expense of two hundred and thirty-seven dollars.

Repairs made in 1881.

March 15. — Repaired leaks in two lead connections to service-pipes on Myrtle street.

May 2. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Maple street. Rust hole.

May 9. — Repaired 16-inch main on Ravine road. Leak in joint.

May 10. — Repaired leak in lead connection to 2-inch pipe laid on Pleasant street.

June 9. — Repaired 4-inch pipe on Tremont street; two places.

June 10. — Repaired another on the same pipe, all of which was repaired by cutting in new pipe.

July 22. — Repaired leak in 2-inch pipe on Short street. Rust hole.

Aug. 5. — Repaired 6-inch pipe on Franklin street. Rust hole.

Aug. 22. — Repaired hydrant on Franklin street. Cleared waste.

Aug. 29. — Repaired hydrant on Washington street. Put in new valve.

Sept. 1. — Dug up service on Tremont street. Rust in connection.

Sept. 9. — Took an eel out of 2-inch pipe on Cedar Park.

Oct. 14. — Set new hydrant on Main street, near Grove, in place of one broken.

Nov. 17. — Repaired service-pipe on Wyoming avenue. Put in new stop.

Nov. 18. — Repaired service-pipe on Main street. Leak in lead connection.

Nov. 21. — Repaired service-pipe on Seventh street. Put in new stop.

Nov. 22. — Repaired 4-inch pipe on Foster street. Rust hole.

Dec. 10. — Repaired service-pipe on Emerson street. Leak in lead connection.

HYDRANTS.

There have been four new hydrants added the past season. Two on new pipe on Bellevue avenue, and two on old pipe; namely, one on Chestnut street, just north of Wyoming avenue; and one on Myrtle street, opposite Irving.

One on Main street, south of Grove, that was broken, has been replaced with a new one.

One on Washington street, opposite Trenton, has been repaired by putting in a new valve. Others have been taken up and the waste cleared out, so as to allow the water to waste back freely.

All have received careful attention, having been opened, the spindles and caps cleaned and oiled, and are now in good condition.

There are now eighty-nine hydrants, located in different streets, ready to use in case of fire.

GATES AND GATE BOXES.

Five new gates have been put in since last report, as follows :—

One in 2-inch pipe on Main street, at Reading hill.

Two in 4-inch pipe on Chestnut street.

One in 4-inch pipe on Myrtle street; and one in 4-inch pipe on Bellevue avenue.

Thirteen gate boxes that were decayed have been replaced with iron.

There are ninety-two gates of different sizes now in use.

SERVICE PIPES.

On account of the severe cold in February, quite a number of services on Melrose and other streets were frozen, in the lead connection, and had to be dug up and thawed out.

Also the 2-inch main pipe at Reading hill was frozen for a time; but, as the weather moderated in a few days, the water started of itself. This pipe has since been taken up, and relaid to a greater depth.

Twenty-eight new services have been laid since last report. Six have been taken up and relaid to a greater depth.

Nine have been relaid with new pipe, inside of the street line, at the owners' expense; and ten that were out of order have been repaired.

Twenty-two iron stop boxes have been set in place of wood, and quite a number that were decayed have been replaced with new ones.

PIPE LAID IN 1881.

$\frac{3}{4}$ inch, from main pipe to street line	.	.	.	616 feet
$\frac{3}{4}$ " inside street line	.	.	.	745
$1\frac{1}{4}$ " " "	.	.	.	51
4 " cement pipe, Bellevue avenue	.	.	.	900
4 " relaid	.	.	.	471
6 " " "	.	.	.	50
2 " " "	.	.	.	110
Total	.	.	.	2,943

In addition to the above, I have collected for water rates the sum of \$10,223.84, and from other sources, \$824.16, making a

total of \$11,048.00. All of said amount has been paid to the Town Treasurer, for which I hold his receipts.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers, and the amount paid by each, together with the amounts received from other sources : —

Received from families	\$8,454 84	
manufactories	232 00	
use of hose	750 00	
stables	452 00	
greenhouses	95 00	
ornamental fountains	31 00	
halls	62 00	
churches	52 00	
depots	12 00	
stores and shops	83 00	
		\$10,223 84
Received from Town of Malden	\$381 68	
on pipe account	422 38	
from stock sold, etc. . . .	20 10	
		824 16
		\$11,048 00

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON LANE,

Superintendent.

MELROSE, Feb. 4, 1881.

By request of the Board of Water Commissioners, I have examined the accounts as kept by Addison Lane, Superintendent and Water Registrar, and find that there was charged for water rates for the year 1881 the sum of \$10,287.05 ; that abatements were made amounting to \$63.21 ; that the balance, \$10,223.84, has been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer.

That he has also received for stock sold, care of gate house, and on account of pipe laid, the sum of \$824.16, making a total of all moneys received by him, and paid to the Town Treasurer, of \$11,048.00.

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch
Eleventh			255	...	...	...	1
Third		287				1	...
Main	3,784	478	...	9	2	...	...
Green	2,700	...	...	3	1	...	...
Franklin	3,155 $\frac{1}{2}$	360	...	4	1	...	...
Vinton	3,497 $\frac{1}{2}$	436	...	6	2	1	...
Trenton	1,233	1,331 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	1	3	2	...
Melrose		2,339 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	1	...	1	...
Ashland		1,475	...	2	...	2	...
Tremont		3,180	...	2	...	3	...
Greenwood			324	...	...	...	...
Perkins		236	...			1	...
Baxter		484	...	1	...	1	...
Florence		1,340 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	1	...	3	...
Maple and Poplar		2,265 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	2	...	3	...
Emerson		3,977	...	6	...	4	...
Youle		998 $\frac{1}{2}$	342	1	...	1	...
Otis			780	...	...	...	...
Oakland		1,161	...	1	...	1	...
Linden Place			286	...	...	...	...
Cedar Park		1,206 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	2	...	2	...
Laurel			457	...	...	...	...
Cottage		1,142	193	2	...	2	...
Hurd		768	...			1	...
Berwick		1,226 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	1	...	2	...
Herbert		220	158 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...
Grove (West)		287 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	1	...	...	...
Waverly place		690 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	1	...	1	...
Foster		1,470 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	1	...	3	...
Myrtle and Lake ave		3,170	...	4	...	7	...
Winthrop		695 $\frac{1}{2}$	...			1	...
Vine		691	...			1	...
Essex		1,437	...	4	...	2	...
Willow			663	...	...	...	1
Short and Main			470 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	...	...	...
Reading Hill			3	...	...	1	1
Porter		2,514 $\frac{1}{2}$	...	3	...	1	...
School			495	...	...	...	...

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME — *Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			HYDRANTS.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch
Albion		222	.....	...	.....	1	....
Pleasant			1125	1	.....		1
Winter		241	.....	...	.....	1	....
Charles		335	.....	1	.....		
Warren		196	.....	1	.....	1	....
Bellevue avenue.....		1,000	.....	2	.....	1	....
Upham		3,283	.....	5	.....	2	....
Stevens place.....			216	...	.....		
Lebanon		2,750	.....	2	.....	1	....
Grove		1,366	.....	1	.....		
Walnut		187½	.....	...	.....	1	....
Lynde and Linwood..		2,960	.....	3	.....	1	....
Summer		701	.....	2	.....	1	....
Wyoming ave. (East).		1,076	.....	...	.....	1	....
Wyoming ave (West).			.....	3	.....		
Chestnut		572	.....	1	.....	2	....
Mt. Vernon		394	.....	1	.....		
Auburn		372	.....	...	.....	1	....
Winthrop Place		520	.....	1	.....	1	....
Belmont		376	.....	...	.....	1	....
High		376	.....	...	.....	1	....
Prospect		1,026	.....	1	.....	1	....
Essex and Lake ave ..		1,082	.....	...	.....		
Avon		422	.....	...	.....	1	....
Elm		1,057	.....	1	.....		
Howard.....		272	550	...	.....	1	1
Upham and Dell ave..		3,488	.....	...	.....	2	....
East.....		534	.....	...	.....	1	....
Washington		760	.....	2	.....		
Irving		387	.....	...	.....	1	....
Emerson Place			251	...	.....		1
Seventh.....			288	...	.....		1
Wastes 27 x 24		51	.....	...	.....		
80 Plugs		80	.....	...	.....		
Grove street (East) ...	1,865	16	.....	2	1	.....	
Emerson street (East)	743½	10	.....	...	1	.....	
Rowe street.....			422	...	.....		1
Totals	16,978½	61,981½	7279	89	11	72	9

WATER RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
Where a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water-closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00
Other charges as above.	

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to 20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLE.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
The above includes water for washing carriages.	
Where hose is used, \$5 additional.	

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	2 00
The above includes water for washing carriages.	

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.	

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel . . .	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath houses	10 00

STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot-pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk’s office.”

JOSEPH D. WILDE,
W. IRVING ELLIS,
J. R. SIMONDS,

Water Commissioners.

REPORT
OF THE
WATER LOAN SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1881.

TO THE TOWN OF MELROSE:—

Your Commissioners beg leave to submit this, their Annual Report for the year 1881.

Since the last report the Government has called in the five per cent's held by us, and we have received from this source \$1,624.38.

We have received from the Town Treasurer, being surplus of water revenue over cost of maintenance, for 1880, \$3,066.08.

We have purchased \$3,000.00 5% bonds of the City of Salem, at a cost of \$3,510.00, and we have on hand in cash \$1,446.48.

For a more specific account of the receipts and disbursements of this fund, we refer to the report of our treasurer, submitted herewith.

Your Commissioners have found it difficult to make investments, following the stringent requirements of the law governing same, that would yield over four per cent net, and have been desirous of obtaining some of our own bonds, but these appear to be held quite out of the market. We may be able to secure some during the coming year.

Respectfully,

DANIEL RUSSELL.
JOHN W. FARWELL.
ROYAL P. BARRY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library present their Eleventh Annual Report.

The year has been an eventful one in the world of books, and the additions to the library have been of much value.

It may be of general interest to see grouped together a list of some of the purchases which have been made.

In the matter of a collection of local histories, to which reference was made in our last report, we have added histories of Lexington, Newton, Cambridge; the Bi-Centennial Book of Malden; the Memorial History of Boston; History and Antiquities of Boston, by A. G. Drake; Boston Town, Horace E. Scudder; Young Folks' History of Boston, Hezekiah Butterworth; Around the Hub, Samuel Adams Drake.

Looking at the history of our country, we have added to our shelves A Popular History of the United States, Bryant & Gay; A Short History of the English Colonies in America, H. C. Lodge; The Story of the United States Navy, B. J. Lossing; The Yorktown Campaign, Henry P. Johnston; My Campaign in America, Count William De Deux Ponts; Revolutionary Times: Sketches of Our Country and Its People, Edward Abbott; History of Maine, J. S. C. Abbott.

The publication of books of marked interest concerning the war of the rebellion has been a feature of this year, and many notable works have been issued. Among these are: The Military History of Ulysses S. Grant, by Adam Badeau; The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government, Jefferson Davis; The Campaign of

Chancellorsville, Col. Theo. A. Dodge ; The Peninsular Campaign of Gen. McClellan of 1862, prepared from the Reports of the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts ; Sleeper's Tenth Massachusetts Battery ; The Outbreak of the Rebellion, J. G. Nicolay ; From Port Henry to Corinth, M. F. Force ; The Peninsula : McClellan's Campaign in 1862, A. S. Webb ; The Army under Pope, John C. Ropes.

Leaving the history of our own country, there have been purchased Guizot's famous History of France, The Memoirs and Letters of Madame Rémusat, Memoirs of Prince Metternich, Correspondence of Prince Talleyrand and King Louis XVIII. ; Madame De Staël, Abel Stevens ; History of the Conquest of Spain, Coppée ; Five Great Monarchies of the Ancient World, Rawlinson ; Egypt, Clara E. Clement ; Turkish Life in War Times, Dwight ; Glimpses through the Cannon Smoke, Archibald Forbes.

Pleasant books for reading that have attracted much attention abroad are, England Without and Within, Richard Grant White ; A Trip to England, Wm. Winter.

Books of special interest to home builders : Building a Home, A. F. Oakey ; How to Furnish a Home, Ella R. Church ; Woman's Handiwork in Modern Homes, C. C. Harrison.

We should hardly do justice to our list of notable books if we did not include The Heart of the White Mountains, by Samuel Adams Drake, published during the year ; several books of interest to the lovers of temperance principles, Canon Farrar on Temperance, etc., and several of great attraction to the seekers for works of a religious nature. A book of special interest to scientists is Vegetable Mold and Earth Worms, by Charles Darwin. In the line of novels the additions have been noteworthy. New works by Henry James, Jr., Howells, Trowbridge, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Woolson, Boyesen, Bjornson, Black, E. P. Roe, E. Warner, McDonald, Mrs. Phelps, and the famous romances of George Ebers, make a list that readers do not glance over hastily.

To lovers of music in Melrose — and this includes nearly all who read — a series entitled, The German Composers, The Italian and French Composers, The Great Singers, and the Great Violinists and Pianists, edited by George T. Ferris, will attract attention.

Among the gifts, a volume of sermons by Rev. Joseph Emerson

of Malden, is of special note ; it is the only copy that has appeared of this particular edition, and has been kindly presented to the library by Mr. John W. Farwell.

We annex a list of the donations, as well as the statistics for the entire year. The thanks of the Trustees are extended to the donors.

By the courtesy of Mr. G. W. Reynolds, lists of the new books added from week to week have appeared in the Melrose Journal. It is a favor that will be heartily appreciated by the patrons of the library.

DONATIONS.

*Books.**Donors.*

The Land of the Veda, Rev. William Butler .	George Emerson.
American Newspaper Directory	G. W. Reynolds.
Topographical Survey of the Adirondack Region, G. W. Reynolds.	
Rev. Joseph Emerson's Sermons	John W. Farwell.
A Compendium of the Theological } Writings of Swedenborg }	The New Church Assoc'n.
Who lost Waterloo?	John C. Ropes.
Weymouth Historical Society	E. H. Goss.
Trading, E. Warner	M. A. Bush.
Progress and Poverty, Henry George	D. Appleton & Co.
First Half Century of the Baptist Church } in Billerica }	Rev. C. Fletcher.

Papers.

The Literary World	Daniel Jefferson.
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Number of pamphlets now in the library, 569.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Number of volumes in the library Jan. 1, 1881 . . .	4,482
" purchased this year	297
" donated this year	10
	307
	4,789
Number of cards issued this year	962
" relinquished	16
" persons using the library, Jan. 1, 1882 —	946
Largest number of volumes issued in one day . . .	443
Smallest " " " " "	51
Average " " " on Mondays	87
" " " " on Saturdays	325
Whole " " " in March	2,711
" " " " in June	2,219
" " " " in October	2,446
" " " " in December	2,393
" " " " this year	28,983

Five hundred and thirty-five books have been rebound, and one hundred and nineteen books have been replaced, new for old.

The library has been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, and Monday evenings, for one hundred and fifty-two days. It was closed four days. There were fourteen stormy days during the library year.

While there have been several changes among the assistants in the library, our efficient librarian, Miss Carrie M. Worthen, has remained in charge, and by uniform kindness and impartiality has won the good-will of all.

In order to start the issue of books afresh, after ten years of service, the old cards have been relinquished, and new ones furnished; the result has been, that nearly one thousand persons have applied for and received cards from the library during the year 1881, almost one-quarter of the entire population of the town.

The Public Library has reached that stage in its history when its circulation seems rather to diminish than increase (though the variations from year to year are now very slight), for the reason that when open it is overcrowded, and its facilities for the issue of books being used to the fullest extent, many become weary of waiting, and seek elsewhere for books.

No one doubts that the advantages afforded the townspeople, old and young alike, are fully appreciated; the question remains whether these advantages shall be increased in proportion to the growth and population of the town.

It will be the endeavor of your Trustees to carry out the wishes of the Town, in whatever manner they may be expressed, but they ask for the library special attention and thought. It is an agency for the general education of the public that has, in itself, possibilities for usefulness as yet but partially unfolded.

For the year 1882 the Trustees request an appropriation of five hundred dollars, and the dog tax.

In behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES C. BARRY, *Secretary*.

FREDERIC KIDDER,
ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,
A. A. NICHOLS,
HANNAH LYNDE,
CHARLES C. BARRY,

Trustees.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

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REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1881.

Secretary, JULIUS S. CLARK “ “ 1882.

LEVI W. GILMAN “ “ 1884.

MRS. ANN M. KUNHARDT " " 1882.

MRS. S. W. BRADBURY " " 1884.

MRs. A. K. MILLER* " " 1882.

* Elected June 1, Mrs. Seaver resigning.

JANITORS.

High School Building, F. McLaughlin	.	.	.	.	.	\$275
Centre School Building, Truman Howard	.	.	.	.	.	175
Committee Room School, Sam'l L. Walton	.	.	.	.	.	50
Green Street School, Joseph Simonds	.	.	.	.	.	100
Lynde Street School, Wm. F. Serratt	.	.	.	.	.	100
Vinton Street School, Benjamin Jones	.	.	.	.	.	100
Upham Street School, Eri Upham	.	.	.	.	.	50
Highland School, John Singer	.	.	.	.	.	50
						<u>\$900</u>

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In compliance with law and custom, we present to the citizens of Melrose the following School Report.

SCHOOL BOARD.

It would be pleasing to be able to say there had been no changes during the year, but such is not the record. At the March meeting, two new members, — Mr. L. W. Gilman and Mrs. S. W. Bradbury, — were elected to fill positions on the Board. The latter, however, had served a part of the previous year. A few months later and we were surprised by receiving the written resignation of Mrs. Marietta Seaver, a most faithful, conscientious, and well-qualified member of the Board. Her loss was deeply felt and regretted. As earnest persuasion could not change her decision, a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee was soon held, and the vacancy happily filled by the election of Mrs. A. K. Miller. Fortunately there were no more breaks in the Board to the end of the year.

SCHOOL MONEYS.

At the beginning of the year there was a balance in the treasury of \$1,110. At the annual meeting in March there was voted the sum of \$12,500; and there was received from the State and other sources \$195, making a total of \$13,805. Out of that sum have been paid the salaries of the teachers, amounting to \$11,400, also those of the janitors, amounting to \$875, and of the Committee, amounting to \$325; for coal and wood, nearly \$700; making a total of \$13,300, and leaving a balance of \$505.

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

As the balance on hand is less by \$600 than it was a year ago, and as it will be necessary to provide for an additional school, with the added expense of teacher, janitor and fuel, the least sum to be appropriated by the Town should be \$13,500. That amount would not leave any material margin for increase of salaries, as we believe the schedule of pay as now arranged is in the main honorable and just. What may be required for contingent expenses, we cannot correctly estimate, but would recommend the same appropriation as last year.

EXPENDITURES.

The contingent appropriation of the Town has been expended to a considerable extent in making repairs and changes on several of the school buildings. During the long vacation the Highland School House and yard fences, and also the Centre School Building, were thoroughly painted. The work was done under contract by the lowest bidder. As the complaint of defective light in the upper rooms of the High School Building, occupied by the First Grammar School, became more decided, the Committee were fully persuaded that something effective ought to be done, the more so as the Principal, fearing permanent injury to herself, placed her resignation in the hands of the Committee. After hunting in vain for better and safer quarters, it was decided, as the wisest course, to expend a few hundred dollars in improving the spacious rooms so bitterly complained of. Experienced workmen were employed, and the six windows on the northern side were taken out and larger ones inserted, extending fifteen inches nearer the floor. The deep recesses, both externally and internally, were so slanted and remodeled as to bring the light more fully and pleasantly into the rooms. It has proved a judicious investment and given entire satisfaction. Some money was expended in repairing the defects of the slated roof, and in

procuring new fire-pots and other costly items for the furnaces. The fitting up of the new school room in the Town Hall required an outlay of about two hundred dollars. As it was necessary to use black-boards that could eventually be moved to another building, and as wooden ones quickly become smooth and are never fitted for good and easy work, it was thought best to purchase those made of soft slate. Though a little more expensive at first, we are sure they will be the cheapest in the end. They never need repairing and never wear out. The teacher and scholars are equally pleased with them.

Something was accomplished by way of ornamenting and improving the High School grounds. During the spring a choice lot of hardy shade trees was set, half the expense being paid by the Melrose Improvement Society. Also by the concurrent action of the Board with a Committee of the Town, the cost equally shared by each, substantial edge-stones were set along the school lot bordering on Emerson street. The granite was furnished at a very low price, and the work well performed under wise supervision.

THE NEW SCHOOL.

As was intimated in the last Annual Report, it was found necessary soon after the March meeting to relieve some of the overflowing schools of the lower grades. This was accomplished by organizing a new school at the beginning of the Summer Term. In doing this the Committee were greatly perplexed in trying to find a convenient room in a suitable locality. Finally it was decided to take, till better accommodations could be provided, one of the apartments on the first floor of the Town Hall. As being the most accessible and feasible, the School Committee room was given up for that purpose. Without loss of time it was properly furnished and a school of fifty pupils set to work. It was made up of the first classes of Intermediates, and given the name of "Fourth Grammar," and placed under the charge of one of

our most experienced teachers. But in many respects it is a poor place for a school. The light comes in only from the east side of the room. There is also a great deal of noise by people passing through the halls to the Public Library, to the Water Commissioner's room, and other apartments. In spite of some expense to give good ventilation, the air soon becomes close and unhealthy. No proper playground can be provided for the children, and other necessary conveniences are quite unsuitable.

ANOTHER SCHOOL SOON NEEDED.

By referring to the statistical table, it will be seen that the whole number of scholars in all the schools at the close of the year of this report is 831. This is an increase of 57 over the previous year. As in all probability a large number of new houses will be built during the spring and summer, adding still more to our population, it is evident that another school, before the end of the year, will have to be organized. Three of the Primary Schools are already too large by at least twenty-five children. No doubt, at the opening of the Spring Term, each of these will be considerably increased. From forty-five to fifty little ones are generally more than enough for the best work of any teacher. Besides, the present school rooms in the Primary department, with one exception, are too small, cramped, and unhealthy for a larger number.

CORPS OF TEACHERS.

These comprise twenty-one in number, including the music teacher. They are the working force of our seventeen different schools. Several of the teachers have been employed in our town in their honored vocation for many years. Miss M. M. Gilman holds the priority. She has served in continuous teaching more than eighteen years; Miss Chastine Emerson more than seventeen; Miss L. W. Bisbee more than fourteen; Miss Julia M. Porter more than thirteen; Miss Emma M. Cate more than twelve; Miss Susan Melcher

more than eight; Mr. A. G. Whitman, Miss Emma A. Bugbee, and Miss Lydia Mendum, more than seven; Miss Hannah Lewis more than five, and Miss Alice Long more than four. As usual there have been several changes. Miss Myra A. Whitney has been transferred from the Highlands to the First Grammar, taking the place of Miss Dyke, who had been employed as assistant for two terms; and Miss Hannah F. Lewis from the Vinton-Street Primary to the Centre Primary, taking the place of Miss Barker, who had been elected to a position of higher salary in New Jersey.

THE NEW TEACHERS.

Those who have been chosen during the year, are Helen J. Barret, at the Centre Intermediate; Alice B. Woodruff, at the Highlands; Hannah K. Harden, at the Green-Street Lower; and Mrs. L. F. Dermot, at the Vinton-Street Primary. They were thoughtfully selected from a large number of applicants, and seem thus far to be admirably adapted to their several positions. Personally, it would have been pleasing to the Board to have employed young ladies of our own town, who have graduated with honor at Normal Institutions; but the best interests of our schools, with the liberal salaries paid, demanded, it was thought, the services of experienced and well-reputed teachers. Besides, we believe it is much better for new teachers to make a beginning among strangers, than among the old and critical acquaintances of their own town. Their chance of success is far greater.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

MUSIC.

This has been taught, in its elementary principles, during the entire year. Simple musical charts have been employed as aids in the lower grades, and a printed manual in the upper. Mr. Whiting, of Boston, has been continued as special teacher and supervisor in this department of public

instruction. He has evidently been very much interested in his work. His zeal and promptness could not well be surpassed.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

These embrace more than two hundred children, with an average age of about six years and ten months. Especial pains has been taken to make these among our best schools. It requires a very happy combination of personal magnetism and skill to be a good Primary teacher. A sweet voice, and a bright smile full of meaning, that can flash in a moment, are quite essential. The ability to write well, and draw nice outline pictures on the blackboard, with the right word-teaching at the same time, together with requisite talent to nicely lead in children's singing, can be found only in a favored few. Strange as it may seem, it is easier to find scores of excellent teachers for other grades, than one for this. The new mode by conversational teaching, with splints, blocks, picture charts, and simple words in script, has entirely superseded the old alphabetical method. No one can doubt that the new mode is decidedly superior. The old was dry, monotonous, slow and unmeaning. It was the mere memorizing of sounds. The new is natural, easy, rapid, stimulating and pleasing. The child is taught that every word represents a distinct idea. The word and the idea are placed together before the eye. Pains are taken to make the school rooms bright and attractive.

Parents must bear in mind that new scholars or beginners are admitted to the Primary schools but twice a year: the first of March and the first of September. The last-named month is preferable, inasmuch as that is the commencement of the school year, and new classes are then formed.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

There has been the usual amount of good work accomplished in this important grade. The teachers are Helen J. Barrett, at the Centre, Alice H. Long, at the Vinton, and

Mrs. K. W. Bascom, at the Lynde Street. None of these schools have been over-crowded since relieved by the formation of the Fourth Grammar, which, as elsewhere referred to, is under the charge of Miss Chastine Emerson.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

The teachers of these are in no need of commendation. Their faithful work, like the sunlight, has borne witness of itself. Miss Mendum, at the Green-Street Upper, during the last four months, has had a maximum of forty-six pupils, and an average attendance of thirty-nine, plus. The average age has been ten years and eleven months.

Miss George, at the Upham Street, has had no serious ripple of discipline or complaint during the year. Her school has continued small. The maximum has been but thirty-six, and the present number is but twenty-eight. We notice that the average attendance for the year has been a little under eighty-six per cent, and the average age of the pupils, eight years and five months. We fear that a few of the parents do not sufficiently appreciate the importance of the regular attendance of their children. When a child is permitted to be off and on, — coming a week and staying away a week, — its progress must be slow, imperfect and poor. It lowers the whole standing of the school, and is a weight of injustice to others.

THE SECOND AND THIRD GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

What was said a year ago needs only to be repeated with a stronger emphasis. The teaching and discipline in each has been thoroughly good. Were it possible for "experience to make perfect," we might think it nearly exemplified in the teaching of Miss Bisbee, Miss Porter, Miss Cate, and Miss Melcher. But the strongest and best workers may, after a while, come to a period of utter weariness and prostration. We are sorry to say that such has been the case with Miss Julia M. Porter. During the month of December, finding her health greatly impaired, she felt under the

necessity of asking the Board to furnish a substitute for the remainder of the school year. The request was freely granted. We sincerely hope that, by taking this long-needed rest, she will thoroughly recuperate, and, with renewed vigor, resume her work after the summer vacation.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The Principal has maintained excellent order, and won the good-will of parents and pupils. Her methods of teaching and of discipline we regard as among the best of modern times, supplemented by the gentle and thorough work of the present assistant teacher. We take pride in commending this school to the friendly visits of all. The attendance during the year has been large, and must continue to increase in the years to come. The number that graduated and received diplomas at the end of the summer term was forty-two. We are glad to know that the most of these are now members of our High School.

As the elementary teaching of music is becoming more and more prominent as a branch of public instruction, it seems desirable that a musical instrument be furnished for the daily use of this large school. It would not only facilitate the teaching of music, but add in many ways to the pleasure and profit of the school work. It is an auxiliary that is freely furnished to the best schools of adjoining towns.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Happily there has occurred during the year no break in the corps of teachers. Mr. Whitman, Miss Bugbee, and Miss Clark, have labored with fidelity, and accomplished their accustomed work. The different classes, not only in the higher English branches, but in the Latin, Greek, and French languages, have been thoroughly taught. No undue prominence has been given to any particular study. The incidental expenses of the school have been unusually small. No addition has been made to the chemical and philosophi-

cal apparatus; to globes, charts, or text-books. We are by no means sure that this is a matter for pride. It is very certain that some new things would impart additional value to the school. The fine set of encyclopædias, obtained by the kindness of a friend a year ago, was a gift in the right direction. The volumes have been well appreciated. If a library embracing a few hundred works of a scientific and historical character could be secured, it would be a perpetual benefit. Such works, well selected, bound, and kept for incidental study and reference, would be worth their weight in gold. The High School of a neighboring town has recently received from an intelligent friend the generous gift of \$1,000 for this very purpose. We divide our envy between the heart of the giver and the good fortune of the school. Will it be too much to hope that some generous friend or citizen of Melrose will kindly receive this timely hint? We venture to say that small gifts would be gratefully received and larger ones in an increased ratio. What a golden opportunity to hand down a generous name to posterity.

We are happy to mention that an interesting lecture on the topography of the battle-field of Bunker Hill was given before the school, at a convenient time, by the kindness of Col. S. A. Drake. A diagram, nicely drawn on the black-board by one of the scholars, representing a part of Boston Harbor, the Heights of Charlestown and the roads leading to Cambridge, added much value to the vivid description. We believe that similar lectures on different familiar topics, given without expense, might occasionally be introduced with considerable profit.

The graduating exercises were held at the Town Hall, on Friday evening, July first. As usual, the hall was crowded with admiring friends. The platform was prettily decorated with a large array of flowers, ferns, and evergreens. The programme was not wearisome in length, and every part was distinctly heard. The hearty applause of the audience, rather

than the presentation of numerous bouquets, indicated a generous appreciation. As will sometimes happen, the graduating class was unusually small. The following are the names:—

ANNIE M. SPRAGUE.*

EDITH N. SPEAR.†

OTIS T. STANTIAL.*

MABEL L. GOSS.‡

ETTA D. TRAFTON.*

CHARLES L. SIMMONS.‡

NELLIE A. MANSFIELD.†

WILLIAM R. WOODBURY.‡

WINFIELD P. PIERCE.†

GENERAL REMARKS.

No cases requiring severe methods of discipline have occurred during the year. In only a few instances have teachers been under the necessity of resorting to even the milder forms of corporal punishment. According to requirement, those instances have been immediately reported to the Chairman of the Committee. The Board has small faith, except in extreme cases, in the rattan and ruler mode of discipline. It must, however, be remembered that good discipline is the first requisite of a good school. To secure this, it may sometimes be necessary to punish a little severely, rather than resort to what we consider inexpressibly worse,—the stigma and shame of expulsion. We are free to say we have taken pride in the general appearance of our public schools. If we mistake not, there has been discernible in the upper grades an air of refinement, of respect, and of kindly feeling. Perhaps, in some instances, more sparkle and animation in certain recitations would add to the pleasure of visitors. There is always a tendency on the part of some pupils to fall into the habit of low tones and indistinct utterances. Though this may be natural, it is far from being pleasing. Ideas well expressed in a clear voice, and answers distinctly given, are requisites of the highest importance. It is an attainment not difficult to acquire, but in value worthy to take rank with one of the fine arts. It may also

* Classical Course.

† English Course.

‡ College Course.

be suggested that scholars, and not teachers, should exhibit the knowledge contained in the text-books. Were it not paradoxical, we might say it is not helpful to be too helpful. Some excellent teachers are liable to err in doing a little too much in the work of recitation. If an indolent pupil cannot readily answer, it may be well to leave him to his own embarrassment. It may act as a spur to nerve him in the future to make a more thorough preparation.

HEALTH.—A WORD TO PARENTS.

Be careful of the health of your children. See that during the bleak days of winter their feet and arms are well protected. Remember that “an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure.” Devote especial care to those who reach the age of the higher grades of study. No work is so exhausting as brain work; no work tells harder upon the nervous system, and no brain work is more exacting than the close application to the study of the higher mathematics and the languages. Misses from fourteen to seventeen years of age, who are over-ambitious and delicate, are liable to receive lasting injury. If wisely guarded they will go through safely and make the best of scholars. Under proper restrictions they should be allowed to take a large amount of out-door exercise: in summer, riding, walking, and picnicing; in winter, skating, coasting, and sleigh-riding. A small amount of household work will not be harmful. Only a little should be exacted, and that little should be well done. Extra studies, or accomplishments, as they are sometimes called, as lessons in painting, sketching, crocheting, or dancing, during term time, should not be allowed. Late parties, balls, theatres, and the vitiating influence of romance reading should be strictly prohibited. If these must come let them come after the school years are ended. In the growing period of youth nothing should interfere with long hours of wholesome sleep in well-ventilated rooms. Physical health is the primary foundation for a happy life.

CO-OPERATION.

It will pay well for parents to take pains to become acquainted with the teachers of their children. Social recognitions and kind courtesies will be duly appreciated. Discreet inquiries about the studies of the schools and the methods of teaching will not fail to be suggestive and helpful. It will also impart additional interest if you bear in mind the public visiting days, which are the last Wednesday afternoons of every month, and plan to be present as often as possible. You little realize what an inspiration these visits will be, both to teachers and pupils. They will also serve to lift you out of the routine of domestic life, and perhaps impart to you some new and valuable ideas.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

It would be impossible to exhibit in words or figures the entire amount of time and effort expended during the year. From thirty to forty Board meetings have been held; about one-third of these have been from four to six o'clock on the afternoons appointed, and the others at later hours, in the evenings. At these meetings innumerable subjects relating to school work have been freely discussed. Hundreds of bills, amounting to thousands of dollars, have been carefully examined, corrected when needed, approved, and placed in the hands of the Town Clerk.

In the four months succeeding the first of September, two hundred visits were made by the Committee to the different schools, and more than five hundred during the year. Not included in these were a large number of brief calls of five or ten minutes each, for various purposes. Some visits were also made to schools in Boston, Malden, and other places, to learn, if possible, the most advanced methods of school work. Nearly every week more or less time was taken in hunting up, and buying at lowest prices a large amount of school supplies. Included in the list were such articles as brooms, brushes, feather dusters, dust-pans, door-mats, thermometers,

black-board dressing, ink, ink-wells, pens, pencils, slates, paper, books, crayons, erasers, bells, and various articles of furniture. There was, also, the necessity of looking after a great many wants, and repairs of various kinds. The employment of carpenters, painters, slaters, masons, plumbers, and janitors. The amount of time and patience consumed by the numerous calls from applicants for schools, book agents, dissatisfied parents, teachers and pupils need not, perhaps, be mentioned. Other items were, examining reports of the teachers' meetings, comparing their papers, giving them written instructions, answering many letters, and distributing the monthly supplies.

We are happy to say that no time or thought was wasted in replying to the brief and amusing criticisms that once or twice appeared, as items of news, in some of the Boston papers. While we deprecate frequent changes in the School Board, we are more than willing to yield our honors, our pleasant duties and large remuneration to others of greater culture, wisdom, and ability.

SCHOLARS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

First Class.

DELIA F. BURNS.	CHARLES H. BENNETT.
JENNIE F. CONANT.	THOMAS S. BURR.
MARELLA J. GIBBONS.	GEORGE H. CONANT.
CLARISSA W. LYNDE.	EDWARD W. FRENTZ.
HARRY G. ALDRICH.	CHARLES D. JONES.
ARTHUR W. BARRETT.	WM. S. KENT.
HENRY C. MILLER.	

Second Class.

NELLIE C. BARRETT.	ABBIE G. SMALL.
CARRIELLA P. BODGE.	FLORENCE PETTINGILL.
MARY E. FARR.	WOODMAN BRADBURY.
MARGARET A. LECRAW.	PERCY BRYANT.
EDITH L. LORING.	WALTER B. FARR.
MARION H. MORGAN.	NATHANIEL R. JONES.
FRANK E. SARGENT.	

Third Class.

LILLIE A. ATWOOD.	HATTIE L. ORCUTT.
ANNIE W. BROWN.	GRACE E. M. RICHARDS.
NELLIE C. DEMPSEY.	MARY G. SARGENT.
AGNES DRAKE.	SUSIE M. STANTIAL.
MABELLE C. DRAYTON.	MAGGIE C. STETSON.
OLIVE A. ELLIS.	INEZ E. WORTHEN.
SARAH F. EMERY.	HERBERT L. BOWDOIN.
ADELAIDE FRENTZ.	ALFRED H. BURLIN.
ANNIE E. GOULD.	EDWARD L. CRAGIN.
NELLIE G. HARRIS.	WM. S. EDMONDS.
MARY E. HAWKINS.	DANIEL J. HURLEY.
GRACE L. JONES.	WM. H. PREBLE.
ROSALIA S. KENT.	FRANK H. REED.
CARRIE M. LEONARD.	FRED. C. SHEPARD.
ETTA P. MERRILL.	EDWARD B. WALTER.
MARY H. NORTON.	ARTHUR H. WHITTEMORE.

MERTON G. WOODBURY.

Fourth Class.

MYRTIE J. BOWKER.	MARY E. SULLIVAN.
MARY L. BOWKER.	ESTHER N. UPHAM.
BERTHA E. BROOKS.	FRANKLIN C. ALBEE.
SARAH A. BURNS.	WILBER F. BEALE.
HERMINIA W. CASS.	CHARLES H. BUGBEE.
ELIZA A. CHUTE.	GEORGE W. DOWLING.
SARAH W. DEMPSEY.	GRANT DRAKE.
MILLIE T. DOWLING.	ELMER S. DUNN.
ANNA L. FINGER.	FRED. E. ELLIS.
HELEN E. FISHER.	EDMUND E. FERNALD.
NELLIE O. FRENCH.	WM. H. GREENLEAF.
GERTRUDE M. GOSS.	WM. H. HOWES.
KATHARINE A. KENT.	HARRY H. HUNT.
ISABEL C. LOVETT.	GARDNER I. JONES.
CARRIE L. MORSS.	LEWIS H. KUNHARDT.
CLARA E. RICHARDSON.	CHARLES S. LIBBY.
FLORENCE W. SEAVER.	FRED. W. NOYES.
ELIZABETH F. STRATTON.	WM. A. SHEAFE.

FRED. A. YOUNG.

Deacon Durant.

In closing our Report, the Board deem it fitting to place on record a brief tribute to the memory of him who, for several years, was the careful and faithful janitor of the High School building. His death, which occurred in the early part of November, was wholly unexpected. Probably few are aware with what unremitting pains and fidelity he performed his official duty. During the coldest mornings, for several past winters, he was accustomed to rise a long time before light, and with his lantern in his hand, go to the school building, and replenish the fires, that the rooms might be suitably warm for the pupils. Always precise and dignified in his deportment, remarkably true and conscientious in every relation in life, he will long be missed and remembered.

And now, reiterating the hope that our public schools will continue to maintain a high standing, and that the town will continue to guard and foster them with a liberal policy, we respectfully submit this Report.

In behalf of the Committee,

CLIFTON FLETCHER.

TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1882.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum Number from Jan. 1 to July 1.	Average Attendance during the same time.	Maximum Number from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1, 1882.	Average Attendance during the same time.	Number of Pupils Jan. 1, 1882.	Per cent. of Attendance for the year.	Average Age Jan. 1, 1882.	
							Years.	Mos.
HIGH, First Class.....	9	8.6	14	13.3	13	97.8	16	11
Second Class.....	12	10.8	14	12.8	13	98.2	16	5
Third Class.....	25	23.3	34	32.6	33	97.5	16	2
Fourth Class.....	40	36.6	40	37.3	37	98.4	14	6
Totals.....	86	79.3	102	96.	96	98.	16	
First Grammar.....	64	57.	67	61.	62	95.7	14	10
Second " Emerson street..	49	40.2	53	45.1	50	93.81	13	4
Second " Centre	48	43.1	46	42.2	43	94.3	13	5
Third " Emerson street..	50	45.4	49	45.9	50	94.8	12	1
Third " Centre	48	38.5	55	48.4	50	96.	12	3
Fourth " Town Hall	50	46.6	50	42. +	48	95. +	10	+
Intermediate, Centre.....	46	39.	41	33.5	36	90.	8	8
Intermediate, Vinton street....	44	36.5	41	36.4	40	94.7	9	6
Intermediate, Lynde street....	44	34.7	43	39.4	40	96.6	9	4
Green street (upper school)	41	36.	46	39.7	43	92.5	10	11
Green street (lower school)	43	36.5	42	37.	41	91.5	7	3
Highlands (mixed)	41	30.3	40	35.8	40	89.	7	5
Upham street (mixed).....	38	24.3	33	27.5	28	85.8	8	5
Primary, Centre.....	60	50.4	52	43.	53	91.	6	6
Primary, Lynde street	70	49.	58	49.	55	92.1	7	6
Primary, Vinton street	67	48.6	64	53.2	56	96.4	6	6
Totals.....	889	835.4	892	775.1	831	93.2		

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

I. The school year shall consist of forty weeks, beginning the first Monday in September.

II. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted: Every Saturday; Thanksgiving Day and the remainder of the week; Christmas week; one week, beginning the third Monday in February; one week, beginning the fourth Monday in April; the weeks between the close of summer term and the beginning of the school year; all legal holidays.

III. The daily session of the High School shall begin at 8.30 o'clock A.M., and close at 1.30 o'clock P.M., from December to May; and for the rest of the year it shall begin at 8 o'clock A.M., and close at 1 o'clock P.M. There shall be two recesses, — one of twenty minutes, the other of ten minutes.

The hours for keeping school, except the High School, shall be from 9 o'clock A.M. until 12 M., with a recess of twenty minutes; and from 2 P.M. until 4 P.M., with a recess of ten minutes in Primary and Intermediate Schools. No variation from these hours shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee.

IV. In case of stormy weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit forenoon or afternoon sessions, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before 8 A.M. or a quarter before 12 M.

V. Teachers shall be in their school rooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the schools, admitting pupils, beginning promptly at the hours specified.

VI. Teachers shall hear all recitations.

VII. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All

such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule. But for the purpose of observing modes of discipline and instruction, teachers may visit other schools to the extent of one half-day each term, at such times as may be arranged between them and the sub-committee of the respective schools.

VIII. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

IX. Teachers shall not detain pupils after the close of the morning session.

X. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils for violent or pointed opposition to authority, informing the parent or guardian and the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

XI. "The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned." * A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

XII. It shall be the duty of the teacher to report at once, in writing, to the Chairman of Committee every case of corporal punishment; which report shall state the name and age of the pupil, the amount of punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

XIII. It shall be the duty of all the teachers to give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their school rooms.

XIV. No teacher shall contract a bill for repairs on any school buildings, furniture, or grounds, or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the Town.

XV. In case of absence, tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the session, a written excuse from the parent or guardian shall be required. The younger classes in Primary Schools are to be dismissed at recess. All cases of habitual truancy shall be reported to the Committee.

XVI. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a permit from some one of the Committee, who will require satisfactory evidence that the child is five years of age, and has been

vaccinated ; and no pupil will be admitted to any of the Primary Schools except during the first two weeks of each term, unless qualified to enter existing classes.

XVII. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the Committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the Committee, and the Town Assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to town agent must have the name of parent or guardian. Books furnished indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

XVIII. Pupils absent one month, except on account of sickness, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee.

XIX. No non-resident child, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the town, shall be received or retained in any school, except with the consent of the School Committee ; who may require parent or guardian of such child to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child is instructed there.

XX. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring school houses, school furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the Committee deem proper.

XXI. Pupils are not allowed in school yards after school hours, or during vacations or holidays ; are not allowed in other school yards than their own at any time, unless sent with messages. No pupil shall be permitted to leave the school yard at recess, except with permission of the teacher.

XXII. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in any of the schools without the consent of the Committee.

XXIII. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

XXIV. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep and dust each school room and entry twice every week ; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November ; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary ; keep steps

and paths free from snow in winter ; close gates when schools are not in session ; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property ; prepare and put in the coal and wood, and practice rigid economy in its use, and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

Janitors shall not contract a bill for repairs on any of the school buildings, furniture, or grounds ; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town, unless authorized by the Committee.

WARRANT

FOR

TOWN MEETING,

MARCH 6, 1882.

WARRANT

To Either of the Constables of the town of Melrose, in the County of Middlesex.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Melrose, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1882, at twelve o'clock M., then and there to act on the articles, viz :

1. To choose a Moderator.

2. To bring in their votes, on one ballot, for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, Public Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, Auditors and Constables. Also, on a separate ballot, to bring in their votes for three members of the School Committee two for three years, and one for one year.

3. To bring in their votes in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town." Form of ballots : to be "YES" or "No."

4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

5. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

6. To raise money for Schools.

7. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.

8. To raise money for Highways.

9. To raise money for Sidewalks.

10. To raise money for Crossings and Gutters.

11. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.

12. To raise money for the Fire Department.

13. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lamps.

14. To raise money for additional Street Lamps.

15. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen.

16. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.

17. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.

18. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.

19. To raise money for the Public Library.
20. To raise money for Water maintenance and use of same.
21. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all Officers and Committees elected or appointed by the Town.
22. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.
23. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.
24. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.
25. To see if the Town will perfect the drainage of Otis Street, by a continuation of the drain pipe which runs through the premises of D. L. Taylor, or by any other plan which may be deemed advisable and raise money for the same, on petition of R. F. Maxwell and others.
26. To see if the Town will accept and adopt a design for a Town seal.
27. To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to purchase a heavy roller and an improved road scraper and raise money for the same.
28. To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to widen and straighten Washington street, near Malden line.
29. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of Public Worship, and at the Depots, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

DANIEL NORTON Jr.	} Selectmen
HENRY G. FIELDS.	
JOSEPH F. BOYD.	
	} of
	} Melrose.

A true Copy. Attest,

ANSEL B. PIERCE, Constable.

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE

FOR THE

Financial Year ending December 31, 1882.

MELROSE:

PRINTED BY THOMAS W. RIPLEY.

1883.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1882—83.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.

JOSEPH F. BOYD.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

Town Clerk.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Treasurer.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

Collector.

JONATHAN C. HOWES.

Assessors.

GEORGE C. STANTIAL.

JAMES C. CURRIER.*

DEXTER PRATT.

Water Commissioners.

JOSEPH D. WILDE, *Chairman.* . . . Term expires 1884.

W. IRVING ELLIS " " 1885.

JOSEPH R. SIMONDS* " " 1883.

Commissioners of Water Loan Sinking Fund.

DANIEL RUSSELL, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1884.

ROYAL P. BARRY " " 1883.

JOHN W. FARWELL " " 1885.

School Committee.

CLIFTON FLETCHER, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1883.

LEVI W. GILMAN, " " 1884.

JULIUS S. CLARK, *Secretary* " " 1885.

Mrs. MARTHA A. ADAMS " " 1883.

Mrs. SARAH W. BRADBURY " " 1884.

Mrs. A. K. MILLER " " 1885.

Trustees of the Public Library.

FREDERIC KIDDER.

ELBRIDGE H. GOSS.

CHARLES C. BARRY.

HANNAH LYNDE.

* Deceased.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1882-83.

Auditors.

JOHN R. NORTON.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

ERNEST MENDUM.

Constables.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

Representative in the General Court.

WINGATE P. SARGENT.

*Engineers of the Fire Department.*F. EDWARD HOWE, *Chief.*L. FRANK HINCKLEY, *Clerk.*

DEXTER PRATT.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal.

SETH E. BENSON.

JAMES D. LITTLEFIELD.

Surveyor of Lumber.

HENRY A. LEONARD.

Lock-up Keeper.

SAMUEL L. WALTON.

Committee on Cemeteries.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Fence Viewers.

DEXTER PRATT.

GEORGE P. FULLER.

Field Drivers.

OTIS HOWARD.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

Police Officers.

A. B. PIERCE.

SAMUEL L. WALTON.

H. B. NEWHALL.

CHARLES T. STEVENS.

J. D. LITTLEFIELD.

HENRY ROBINSON.

JAMES E. SPEAR.

A. J. BODGE.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

A. WILBUR LYNDE.

AMMI C. CHICK.

WILLIAM D. BARTLETT.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

In accordance with custom, we herewith submit our annual report for the financial year ending December 31st, 1882.

We are able to report balances to the credit of the different appropriations, with the exception of the water account, which has been exceeded by reason of an increased demand for the extension of main and supply pipes, as will more fully appear in the report of the Commissioners.

THE POOR.

In a growing town like our own, not only those who are well provided with this world's goods, are induced by its prosperity to settle, but those who are in search of the best market for their labor, are attracted to it also.

There was an unusual demand for the latter class, from the early spring to the late fall months, when most of the work became completed, and as there were no other departments of industry here to make a corresponding call upon them for their labor during the winter months, the supply became greater than the demand, and many were obliged to wait for better times, until they used up the small amounts they had laid by.

This, taken in connection with the enhanced cost of nearly every necessary of life, has compelled such to apply for aid.

There is an unusual number here, of those who are thus receiving aid, by order of the Boards of the respective places to which the applicants belong. The recurrence of every pinching winter ought to bring its lesson of warning to the improvident, and to those who squander their earnings in the busy season, to prompt them to take more of the fight of winter into the summer months, when by sacrifice and self-denial, they may successfully provide against it, as they would against any other impending danger. The prudent man finds that he makes the best fight in good times, rather than take it at a two-fold pressure in mid-winter, when there

is nothing to do, and so in summer he lays in store what will suffice.

We applaud the working man who strives with his might to keep himself and his family from becoming a burden upon others, who spurns everything which tends to break down his manly spirit, sternly rejecting every proffered aid which he feels would, in the least, weaken his reliance upon his own arm. He is always in training, and ready for hard times, though it involves a severer test of manhood than can be known or understood by him who has a more middling start in life.

We are glad to note, that the expenses of the department of Temporary Aid, has decreased in proportion to the abundance of employment, which all have had who were able to work, and which shows that our poor are not generally disposed to be indolent. This sum is less, as compared with that of the previous year, by \$1,645.28, which comes within our own limits, while in the department of outside relief, which includes the insane, the truants by the State, and all who are aided by other towns, and in hospitals for the sick, the expense has been less than the previous year, only \$6.26. In groceries, the amount saved has been \$671.57; fuel, \$134.05; medical attendance, \$162.60; nursing, \$121.25; rents, \$254.60; board and clothing \$281.80. The whole number of those who have received more or less aid during the year, has been one hundred and six. Of this number twelve have received full support, and eighty-one have been aided temporarily. There are nine in the hospitals for the insane, three of whom reimburse the town, one has wholly, and two in part, the balance remaining in the assets to be collected. Of those temporarily aided, fifty-two have their settlements in this town. The other twenty-nine belong either on the State, or to other towns and cities who have reimbursed this town, or the bills are now due. There have been forty-seven tramps lodged in the lockup for the year. With the prospect that is held out for business, and for the growth of our town, another season, it may be reasonably predicted, that the economy of this department may be so regulated, as to bring the expense within that of the year just closed. A full report of receipts and expenditures may be found elsewhere, as indicated in page of contents.

CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

Concrete gutters were made on Upham Street, and crossings have been laid across the following streets: Myrtle and Essex, Dell Avenue, Emerson and Tremont, Greenwood, Youle, Oakland, and Poplar.

DRAINAGE, ETC.

The drains, bridges, and culverts throughout the town are in good condition. We are of the opinion that the unexpended balance belonging to this department will be all that will be required for the ensuing year.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Is so well managed that we can suggest no improvement. Attention is called to the report of the Engineers.

HIGHWAYS.

Much time and personal attention has been given to this department by Mr. Joseph F. Boyd. The labor has been performed under the supervision of James Marshall. Early in the season, Myrtle Street was regraded from Foster to Grove Street. Main Street, at the Highlands, was also much improved. Proper attention has been given to the other streets of the town, and repairs made where needed.

The county commissioners have relocated the line of Washington Street, widening and straightening the same near the Malden line. Hon. E. S. Converse, of Malden, has contributed liberally to the improvement of the street and grounds in that vicinity.

ROLLER AND SCRAPER.

In the construction of hard, smooth roads, a heavy roller is indispensable. In accordance with your vote, we purchased a roller, made of iron, which weighs thirty-two hundred pounds. We also purchased a Eureka Road Machine, which has proved itself an economical and efficient assistant in repairing the high ways. The balance of the appropriation was expended for snow ploughs, which were much needed.

SIDEWALKS.

The balance remaining of the appropriation for sidewalks would have been spent for concreting the walks about the Town Hall could we have ascertained earlier that the same would not be required elsewhere. We would recommend the appropriation of this sum for that purpose.

SHADE TREES.

The Melrose Town Improvement Association, during the year, has planted a large number of shade trees on our principal streets. This society has contributed much to the adornment and improvement of our village, in whose increasing beauty and attractiveness every citizen takes a just pride.

SUITS.

As stated in our last Report, the claim of M. G. Cochran for damages was considered unjust, and was therefore contested. The jury returned a verdict against the town. The amount of judgment has been paid from the contingent appropriation.

HEALTH.

No serious epidemic or contagious disease has come among us during the year. Local nuisances which are too apt to be thoughtlessly overlooked have, as usual, required our attention.

For the prevention and restriction of disease, we have adopted such measures as are of recognized efficacy.

The following Regulations, from the General Statutes, chap. 26, sec. 5, were adopted by the Board, December 13, 1882, and are here published for the information of all citizens : —

The Board shall make such regulations as it judges necessary for the public health and safety. Whoever violates such regulations shall forfeit a sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

Whereas the diseases designated as small pox, scarlet fever, diptheria and typhus fever are contagious and dangerous to the public health, and have been and may easily be contracted at funerals, from dead bodies, or apartments which have been infected by such diseases. It it therefore

Ordered, that from and after this date no public funerals shall be held over the remains of any person having died from small pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria or typhus fever, without the written permit of the Board of Health, and under such regulations as shall effectually prevent the spread of either of said diseases.

Ordered further that the remains of persons dying of either of said diseases shall be at once placed in a tight or sealed coffin and shall not thereafter be exposed to view, or disturbed, except for burial.

Ordered, that any householder in whose dwelling a case of small pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria or typhus fever may occur, shall notify the Board of Health, within twenty-four hours of its occurrence. Any physician who may be called to any of the above-named cases, will report the same at once to the Board of Health.

CONCLUSION.

Our population is steadily increasing; the large manufacturing enterprise recently established in town will aid in this direction, increasing also our material wealth.

A large number of dwellings have been erected during the year; more are in process of construction; an active demand exists for homes for people in moderate circumstances. We welcome the stranger within our borders, and point to our public schools, churches, water-works, town hall, public library, concrete walks and crossings, streets, natural scenery, etc.; these are for all—enjoyed alike by rich and poor. The finances of the town are in excellent condition.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL NORTON, JR.
HENRY G. FIELDS.
JOSEPH F. BOYD.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 6, 1882. 12 M.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE WARRANT. To choose a Moderator.

Levi S. Gould unanimously chosen.

ART. 2. To bring in votes for Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and other officers; votes for School Committee to be on a separate ballot.

Voted, That the officers elected by ballot this day, shall consist of three Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors, one Clerk, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, three Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, five Library Trustees, three Auditors, two Constables, and two School Committee for three years, and one for one year.

Voted, That the polls be closed at 5.15 P. M. That when this meeting adjourns it be to 7.30 o'clock this evening, and that no other article be taken up for the transaction of town business until that time.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors — Daniel Norton, Jr., Henry G. Fields, Joseph F. Boyd. Town Clerk — John Larrabee. Town Treasurer — George Newhall. Collector of Taxes — Jonathan C. Howes. Assessors — George C. Stantial, James C. Currier, Dexter Pratt. Water Commissioner for Three Years — W. Irving Ellis. Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for Three Years — John W. Farwell. Auditors — John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Ernest Mendum. Constables — Ansel B. Pierce, Joseph Holbrook. Trustees of the Public Library — Frederic Kidder, Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Hannah Lynde, Addie A. Nichols. School Committee — Julius S. Clark, Arethusa K. Miller, for Three Years; Martha A. Adams, for One Year.

ADJOURNED MEETING, MARCH 6, 1882. 7.30 P. M.

ART. 3. To bring in their votes in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots; to be "YES" or "No."

Votes cast, "YES," nine. "No," one hundred and twenty-five.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary Town officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal—Seth E. Benson, James D. Littlefield. *Surveyor of Lumber*—Henry A. Leonard. *Committee on Cemeteries*—George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee. *Field Drivers*—Otis Howard, H. B. Newhall, Frank Gibbons, Samuel Lear, W. Truman Howard. *Fence Viewers*—Dexter Pratt, George P. Fuller. *Sealer of Weights and Measures*—A. B. Pierce.

ART. 5. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted, unanimously, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

ART. 6. To raise money for Schools.

Voted, That the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars be raised for the support of the schools.

ART. 7. To raise money for school contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise seventeen hundred dollars for school contingent expenses.

ART. 8. To raise money for highways.

Voted, To raise three thousand five hundred dollars for the highways.

ART. 9. To raise money for sidewalks.

Voted, To raise one thousand dollars for sidewalks; said sum to be expended for concrete walks, under direction of the Selectmen, according to provisions of laws accepted by the Town, relating to sidewalks, by which abutters pay one-half the expense, and that the Selectmen be instructed to connect the concrete walks already laid, so far as the interests of the Town will in their judg-

ment be best subserved by their doing so, and assess the abutters therefor, if necessary.

ART. 10. To raise money for crossings and gutters.

Voted, To raise five hundred dollars for concrete crossings and gutters.

ART. 11. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Voted, To raise four thousand five hundred dollars for the support of the poor.

ART. 12. To raise money for the fire department.

Voted, To raise two thousand dollars for the expenses of the fire department.

ART. 13. To raise money for lighting and care of street lamps.

Voted, To raise one thousand dollars for the lighting and care of street lamps, including also keeping the same in repair.

ART. 14. To raise money for additional street lamps.

Voted, To raise one hundred dollars for the purchase of five additional street lamps.

ART. 15. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen

Voted, To raise one thousand dollars to pay Police and Night Watchmen.

ART. 16. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.

Voted, To raise nine hundred dollars for contingent expenses.

ART. 17. To raise money to pay interest on the Town debt.

Voted, To raise six thousand two hundred dollars for interest on the Town debt.

ART. 18. To raise money for the reduction of the Town debt.

Voted, To raise two thousand and fifty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents, for the reduction of the Town debt.

Voted, That the sum of two thousand nine hundred and forty-two dollars and forty-five cents received during the past year, as Bank and Corporation Tax, be appropriated for the same purpose.

ART. 19. To raise money for the Public Library.

Voted, To raise and appropriate five hundred dollars and the dog tax, for the support of the Public Library.

ART. 20. To raise money for water, maintenance and use of same.

Voted, To raise for the use of water, hydrants, etc., two thousand dollars; for maintenance, fifteen hundred dollars.

ART. 21. To raise money for salaries of Town officers, and fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.

Voted, That the Town Officers be paid the same salaries as last year, viz. :—

Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor and Surveyors of Highways, \$200 each; Chairman of Overseers of Poor, \$50 additional. Town Clerk, \$175. Town Treasurer, \$500. Assessors, \$150 each. Auditors, \$15 each. Water Commissioners, \$50 each. School Committee, \$50 each; Chairman of the Committee, \$25 additional. Cemetery Committee, \$25 each. Sealer of Weights and Measures, \$10.

Voted, That the Collector be paid as compensation for his services for collecting resident, poll, and property taxes, and non-resident property taxes, one-half of one per cent., and on simple poll taxes, five per cent. on the amount collected and paid to the Treasurer.

Voted, To raise two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of paying salaries.

ART. 22. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges, and Culverts.

Voted, To raise five hundred dollars for drainage, bridges, and culverts.

ART. 23. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise for deficiencies the following sums :—Military Aid, 1880 and 1881, \$795.63; Town Hall, \$470.57; Water (cost of construction, 1881) \$1,150.98; Poor Fund, \$1,624.08; total, \$4,041.26.

ART. 24. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

Voted, That all taxes be made payable on or before October 1, 1882, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of six per centum per annum. That all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1883, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will perfect the drainage of Otis Street, by a continuation of the drain pipe which runs through the

premises of D. L. Taylor, or by any other plan which may be deemed advisable, and raise money for the same, on petition of R. F. Maxwell and others.

Voted, That the Selectmen take such action as they shall deem right for the proper drainage of Otis Street, and that eight hundred dollars be raised for that purpose.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will accept and adopt a design for a Town Seal.

Voted, That Mr. T. C. Fielding, Rev. A. G. Bale, A. G. Whitman, William Bogle, and E. H. Goss be a committee to consider the matter of providing a design for a Town Seal.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to purchase a heavy roller and an improved road scraper, and raise money for the same.

Voted, To raise five hundred dollars for the purchase of an improved road scraper and a heavy roller.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to widen and straighten Washington Street, near Malden line.

Voted, That the Selectmen be authorized to take all necessary action to secure the alteration of Washington Street, near the Malden line, in accordance with a plan now prepared by E. S. Converse, or otherwise, as they may deem most expedient.

ART. 29. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

The committee appointed to settle with A. B. Pierce, Collector of Taxes for 1877, submitted their final report.

Voted to accept.

Voted, That the Board of Assessors be a committee to settle with the Collector of Taxes for the year 1880.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year be added to the appropriations for this year and credited to the several departments.

The committee appointed to confer with the School Committee upon the matter of providing additional school accommodations submitted their report.

Voted, To accept the same, and that the Selectmen and School

Committee be a committee to select one or more pieces of land, make arrangements for the purchase, bond the same if necessary, and report at the next Town meeting.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to consider the subject of the election of a Superintendent of the Public Schools, and report at the next Town meeting.

Committee appointed — F. S. Hesseltine, Royal P. Barry, Ann M. Kunhardt.

The committee appointed to confer with Messrs. Littlefield and McIntyre reported. Report accepted; committee discharged.

Voted, That a committee of five, consisting of the Chief Engineer, one other Engineer of the Fire Department, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and two other citizens, be appointed to take into consideration the purchase of a steam fire engine, and report at the next Town meeting.

Committee appointed — F. E. Howe, J. R. Simonds, Daniel Norton, Jr., Nathl. P. Jones, Nathan D. Blake.

Report on Guide Boards accepted.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1882.

March 6.

Schools, support of	\$13,500 00
School contingent expenses	1,700 00
Highways	3,500 00
Crossings and gutters	500 00
Sidewalks	1,000 00
Poor, support of	4,500 00
Fire Department	2,000 00
Street Lights	1,000 00
Additional Street Lamps	100 00
Police and Night Watchmen	1,000 00
Contingent expenses	900 00
Interest on Town Debt	6,200 00
Reduction of "	2,057 55
Public Library	Dog Tax and 500 00
Water, use of	2,000 00
" maintenance	1,500 00
Salaries, Town Officers	2,250 00
Drainage, Bridges, and Culverts	500 00
Deficiencies in Accounts	4,041 26
Drainage of Otis Street	800 00
Roller and Scraper	500 00
	\$50,048 81

September 25.

Land for School House, Highlands . . .	\$1,000 00
“ “ “ Corner Grove and Myrtle Streets	2,500 00
School Building, cor. Grove and Myrtle Sts.	6,500 00

November 15.

Enforcement Liquor Laws	300 00
First Street	300 00
Perkins “	100 00
Leeds “	150 00

December 5.

School Building and Grounds, Cor. Myrtle and Grove Streets	2,000 00
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MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1882, 7.30 P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator. Levi S. Gould unanimously chosen.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee appointed to select one or more pieces of land for school buildings. Report accepted.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow one thousand dollars for the purchase of a lot of land, as a site for a school house, in that portion of the town known as the Highlands.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, for the purchase of a lot of land, and the filling and grading of the same, as a site for a school house, at the N. E. corner of Myrtle and Grove Streets.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will build a school house, and authorize their Treasurer to borrow money to pay for the same.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, for the erection of a school house on lot of land at the N. E. corner of Myrtle and Grove Streets.

Voted. That Daniel Norton, Jr., Julius S. Clark, W. Irving Ellis, John O. Norris, and Dexter Pratt be a building committee to erect said school house.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enforce the laws which regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors,

and appropriate or borrow money to pay the expense of the same.

Voted, That this article be laid over until the November meeting.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept streets, as laid out by the Selectmen over Home Association Lands (so-called), and borrow money for the building of the same. Indefinitely postponed.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Main Street, easterly, from the junction of Main and Foster Streets to Lebanon Street, and borrow money for the building of the same.

Voted, that the street as laid out be accepted.

Voted. To adjourn *sine die*.

MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 1882, 7 A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in the Forty-eighth Congress from the Sixth Congressional District, and for State and County Officers.

Polls were closed at 4.45 P. M.

Vote, as declared in open Town meeting, was as follows :

For Governor.

	<i>Votes.</i>
Robert R. Bishop of Newton	442
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell	305
Charles Almy of New Bedford	9
John Robson of Melrose	1

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton	494
Samuel W. Bowerman of Pittsfield	260
John Blackmer of Springfield	8
Charles Almy	1

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	498
David N. Skillings of Winchester	256
Solomon F. Root of Douglass	8

For Treasurer and Receiver General.

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford	499
William A. Hodges of Quincy	255
Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton	8

For Auditor.

	<i>Votes.</i>
Charles R. Ladd of Springfield	497
John P. Sweeney of Lawrence	255
Jonathan Buck of Harwich	8

For Attorney General.

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence	498
George F. Verry of Worcester	256
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden	8

For Representative to Congress — Sixth District.

Elisha S. Converse of Malden	489
Henry B. Lovering of Lynn	270

For County Treasurer.

Amos Stone of Everett	468
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn	256
Ammi Cutter of Stoneham	8
George Newhall of Melrose	1

For County Commissioner, for unexpired term — one year.

William S. Frost of Marlborough	498
Benjamin T. Manson of Framingham	256

For County Commissioner, for three years.

Daniel G. Walton of Wakefield	496
Lewis P. True of Everett	255

For County Commissioners (no time specified).

Isaac M. Fellows of Natick	8
William S. Frost of Marlborough	8

For Register of Deeds, Southern Middlesex District.

Charles B. Stevens of Cambridge	478
James W. McDonald of Marlboro'	251
Onslow Gilmore of Stoneham	1

For Councillor, Sixth District.

George Heywood of Concord	497
John C. Sanborn of Lawrence	256
William W. Sherman of Lowell	7
James H. Roberts of Cambridge	1

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

	<i>Votes.</i>
Onslow Gilmore of Stoneham	470
William F. Young of Wakefield	257
A. W. Rice of Stoneham	25

For Representative to the General Court, Ninth Middlesex Representative District.

Wingate P. Sargent of Melrose	509
George P. Burnham "	237
John W. Farwell "	1
George Newhall "	1
William H. Dole "	1
S. F. Barrett "	1

ART. 2. To choose a Moderator to preside for the transaction of Town business.

Chose Levi S. Gould.

Voted, To adjourn to Wednesday, November 15, 1882, at 7.30 P.M., and that the further transaction of Town business be postponed to that time.

ADJOURNED MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1882, 7.30 P.M.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised. List amended and accepted.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enforce the laws which regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors and appropriate or borrow money to pay the expense of the same.

Voted, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for the enforcement of the liquor laws, and that the Selectmen be authorized to employ such legal and other assistance as in their judgment may be necessary to suppress the sale of intoxicating drinks in this Town; and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of three hundred dollars for the purposes mentioned.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of building the extension of Foster Street, as laid out and accepted.

Voted, That the matter be laid over until the next Annual meeting.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Melrose Street northerly to Franklin Street, and borrow money for the building of the same.

Postponed indefinitely.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association Lands (so called), now known as First Street, and borrow money for the building of the same.

Voted, To accept, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow three hundred dollars for the building of the street, said sum to be assessed in the taxes for the year 1883.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept a street, as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association Lands (so called), now known as Second Street, and borrow money for the building of the same.

Postponed until next annual meeting.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will accept a street, as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association Lands (so called), now known as Third Street, and borrow money for the building of the same.

Postponed until next annual meeting.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will accept a street, as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Vinton Street, westerly, to Leeds Street (so called), now known as Perkins Street, and borrow money for the building of the same.

Voted, To accept, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow one hundred dollars for the building of the street, said sum to be assessed in the taxes for the year 1883.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will accept a street, as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Otis Street, northerly, to Perkins Street (so called), and borrow money for the building of the same.

Voted, To accept, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow one hundred and fifty dollars for the building of the street, said sum to be assessed in the taxes for the year 1883.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will allow the building of a rail-track and the operating of the same by horse power, from Melrose Depot to a point on Tremont Street, about 500 feet distant, running across Emerson Street, through Tremont Street, to point as stated, on petition of A. H. Heath and others.

Postponed indefinitely.

ART. 13. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed to consider the subject of the election of a Superintendent for the public schools. — Report accepted.

Voted, To unite with Wakefield, or any town in this vicinity which will unite with us to form a district, for the purpose of engaging a Superintendent of Public Schools.

ART. 14. To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the purchase of a steam fire engine.

Committee reported inexpedient to purchase, on account of the water mains being too small to furnish water sufficient.

ART. 15. To hear and act upon the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Report of committee appointed to consider the matter of providing a design for a Town seal, received and accepted.

Voted, To accept and adopt the design submitted by Mr. T. C. Fielding as the seal of the Town.

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be extended to Mr. Fielding for his very handsome gift.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

MEETING, DECEMBER 5, 1882, 7.30 P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator. — Chose Levi S. Gould.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will appropriate or borrow an additional sum of money, sufficient to complete the projected school building and grounds at the corner of Myrtle and Grove Streets, including also the furnishing of said building.

Voted, Unanimously, that the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of two thousand dollars, said amount to be added to former appropriations, to complete the projected school building and grounds at the corner of Grove and Myrtle Streets.

Voted, That the following gentlemen be a committee to recommend the amounts to be raised and appropriated by the Town for the next municipal year :

Seth E. Benson, Artemas Barrett, George W. Farnsworth, Henry A. Norris, H. H. Westgate, Isaac Emerson, John B. Souther, Allen C. Goss, John C. Ingalls, Daniel Norton, Jr., Clifton Fletcher, Joseph F. Boyd, George A. Mansfield, and Henry G. Fields.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

TOWN RECORDS.

The following facts taken from the Town Records, are deemed of sufficient interest to warrant their publication:—

The Town of Melrose was incorporated May 3, 1850.

The Act of Incorporation was signed by Governor George N. Briggs, also by Marshall P. Wilder, President of the Senate, and Ensign N. Kellogg, Speaker of the House.

The first warrant for a Town meeting dated May 6, 1850. was issued by Elbridge Green, Esq., Justice of the Peace, and was directed to Jonathan Cochran, Esq., both of whom have resided in town since that time. The inhabitants qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, were warned to assemble in Academy Hall, which stood upon land which now forms the north-east corner of Grove and Berwick Streets, near the railroad. Previous to the year 1857, this building was removed to Main Street, and was known as Lyceum Hall, it was destroyed by fire in August, 1870.

The second town meeting was held in the vestry of the Protestant Methodist Church; third and fourth meetings, in the Congregational Meeting House. During the years 1851, 1852, and 1853, twenty-six meetings were held in what was known as the Town Hall, this is supposed to have been the Academy Hall, before mentioned.

One hundred and fifty-four legal town meetings have been held; also twenty-six adjourned meetings, in places as follows:—

Vestry of Protestant Methodist Church	1
Congregational Meeting House	2
Engine Hall	2
Academy or Town Hall	28
Vestry of Universalist Church	20
Concert or Good Templars Hall	22
Unity Hall	11
Lyceum Hall	56
Town Hall (erected A.D. 1873)	38

MODERATORS.

List of Moderators and the number of meetings over which they have been elected to preside:—

Henry Sprague, Daniel W. Gooch, Jacob K. Dunham, Franklin

TOWN TREASURERS.

Isaac Emerson, four years		1850-1854
John Blake, one year		1854
Caleb Howard, ten years		1855-1865
David Fairbanks, eight years		1865-1871 and 1872-1874
E. O. Phinney, one year		1871
George Newhall, nine years		1874-1883

COLLECTORS OF TAXES.

Isaac Emerson, one year		1850
S. L. Taylor, one year		1851
Freeman Upham, one year		1852
Asa Slocum, one year		1853
Wm. N. Wilkinson, one year		1854
Caleb Howard, four years		1855-1859
S. J. Phinney, two years		1859-1860
George Newhall, three years		1861-1864
John Smith, one year		1864
David Fairbanks, two years		1865-1866
George M. Fletcher (Dep. Col.)		1866
Aaron Green, one year		1867
George F. Boardman, five years		1868-1873
Ansel B. Pierce, five years		1873-1878
John R. Jones, two years		1878-1880
Moses Briggs, one year		1880
Jonathan C. Howes, two years		1881-1883

SELECTMEN.

1850.

Jeremiah Martin.
Isaac Emerson.
Artemas Barrett.

1851.

Jeremiah Martin.
Shubael L. Taylor.
Jonathan Cochran.

1852.

Jeremiah Martin.
Franklin Taylor.
Rufus Flint.

1853.

Franklin Taylor.
Ephraim Avery.
Henry Sprague.

ASSESSORS.

Aaron Green.
S. L. Taylor.
W. J. Farnsworth.

Shubael L. Taylor.
Aaron Green.
R. H. Flint.

Aaron Green.
German S. Phippen.
Henry Sprague.

Isaac Emerson.
Joshua Upham.
George W. Barrett.

SELECTMEN.	1854.	ASSESSORS.
George Emerson. John Blake. J. M. Thresher.		Jonathan Cochran. G. S. Phippen. Asa Upham.
	1855.	
John Blake. J. M. Thresher. J. M. Beckett.		G. M. Fletcher. Jonathan Cochran. E. P. Evans.
	1856.	
G. M. Fletcher. William E. Fuller. J. M. Beckett.		Jonathan Cochran. Benjamin Linnikin. G. M. Fletcher.
	1857.	
G. M. Fletcher. William E. Fuller. Benjamin F. Abbott.		Jonathan Cochran. G. M. Fletcher. Joseph Holbrook.
	1858.	
Elbridge Gardner. Ephraim Avery. Nelson Cochran.		Jonathan Cochran. Joseph Holbrook. Henry Robinson.
	1859.	
Elbridge Gardner. W. J. Farnsworth. G. M. Fletcher.		Jonathan Cochran. Henry Robinson. William E. Fuller.
	1860.	
George Emerson. Nelson Cochran. W. J. Farnsworth.		Jonathan Cochran. William B. Burgess. George M. Fletcher.
	1861.	
William B. Burgess. George M. Fletcher. John H. Clark.		E. P. Nevins. J. R. Simonds. T. B. Merrick.
	1862-1863.	
John H. Clark. William B. Burgess. George M. Fletcher.		E. P. Nevins. G. M. Fletcher. Stephen Shelton.
	1864.	
John H. Clark. William B. Burgess. William E. Fuller.		E. P. Nevins. Stephen Shelton. G. M. Fletcher.

SELECTMEN. 1865, 1866, 1867.	ASSESSORS.
Wingate P. Sargent. George M. Fletcher. Isaac Emerson.	George Emerson. Joel Snow. George M. Fletcher.
1868.	
Wingate P. Sargent. James C. Currier. George Newhall.	E. O. Phinney. Aaron Green. Elbridge Green.
1869.	
Levi S. Gould. James C. Currier. Joseph D. Wilde.	E. O. Phinney. Aaron Green. Elvridge Green.
1870.	
James C. Currier. Daniel Russell. F. P. Woodbury.	David Fairbanks. John R. Jones. Elbridge Green.
1871.	
James C. Currier. Daniel Russell. John H. Clark.	S. O. Dearborn. H. A. Norris. A. E. Steele.
1872.	
Daniel Russell. John H. Clark. George F. Stone.	S. O. Dearborn. George W. Farnsworth. A. E. Steele.
1873.	
Stephen F. Keyes. W. J. Farnsworth. C. T. Stevens.	Elbridge Green. George W. Farnsworth. Aaron Green.
1874.	
Walter Babb. H. G. Fields. G. A. Mansfield.	C. H. Edmonds. G. F. Boardman. M. L. Ray.
1875.	
Walter Babb. H. G. Fields. G. A. Mansfield.	C. H. Edmonds. J. C. Currier. George W. Farnsworth.
1876.	
Walter Babb. H. G. Fields. N. D. Blake.	C. H. Edmonds. J. C. Currier. George W. Farnsworth.

SELECTMEN.	1877.	ASSESSORS.
Walter Babb.		John R. Jones.
Henry G. Fields.		James C. Currier.
Nathan D. Blake.		Charles T. Stevens.
	1878.	
Nathan D. Blake.		James C. Currier.
Henry G. Fields.		Charles T. Stevens.
Charles H. Edmonds.		Henry A. Leonard.
	1879, 1880, 1881, 1882.	
Daniel Norton, Jr.		George C. Stantial.
Henry G. Fields.		James C. Currier.
Joseph F. Boyd.		Dexter Pratt.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

W. P. Sargent, three years,		1871-1874
W. Irving Ellis, twelve years .		1871-1883
Dexter Bryant, one year .		1871
Joseph D. Wilde, eleven years		1872-1883
Joseph R. Simonds, nine years		1874-1883

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Frederic Kidder, Elbridge H. Goss, and Charles C. Barry were elected in 1872, and have each served eleven years. Hannah Lynde and Addie A. Nichols were added to the Board in 1873, and have been elected each year since.

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS
FOR THE YEAR 1882.

	<i>Births.</i>	<i>Marriages.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
January	9	6	6
February	12	1	6
March	6	3	2
April	15	4	10
May	9	3	7
June	11	6	8
July	8	2	4
August	13	4	10
September	7	3	8
October	5	3	6
November	7	11	7
December	12	6	8
	114	52	82

BIRTHS.

Number registered	114
Males	57
Females	57
—	114

Of the above number 93 were born in Melrose and 21 were born in other places.

Born of American parents	74
of foreign parents	21
of American father and foreign mother	13
of foreign father and American mother	6
—	114

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	46
Both parties residing in Melrose	25
But one party residing in Melrose	21
—	46

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	52
More than last year	10
Both parties American	39
Both parties foreign	5
Parties American and foreign	8
—	52
First marriage of persons	85
Second marriage of persons	17
Third marriage of persons	2
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	104 — 52 couples.
The oldest person married	65 years.
The youngest person married	16 years.

DEATHS.

Whole number	82
More than last year	14
Males (married)	16
Females (married)	16
Widows	14
Widowers	3
Males (single)	7
Females (single)	4
Male children	10
Female children	12
	— 82
Under one year (still-born or premature birth, 5)	17
From 1 to 5	3
5 " 10	0
10 " 20	5
20 " 30	9
30 " 40	7
40 " 50	8
50 " 60	3
60 " 70	7
70 " 80	14
80 " 90	7
Over 90	2
	— 82

Two have died over 93 years of age, 17 were over 74 years of age.

American parentage	57
Foreign parentage	17
Mixed parentage	8
	— 82

Diseases, or Causes of Death.

Acute hydrocephalus, 1; bronchitis (capillary), 1; bronchitis, (chronic), 1; cholera infantum, 3; cholera (sporadic), 1; cardiac disease, 1; cerebral apoplexy, 1; cerebral paralysis, 1; chronic hepatitis, 1; consumption, 1; congestion of lungs and brain, 1; diabetes, mel., 2; diabetes, 1; dyspepsia, 1; debility from old age, 2; dropsy and paralysis, 1; diphtheria and paralysis of heart, 1; dysentery, 1; disease of bladder, 1; enlargement of heart, 1; erysipelas and inflammation of brain, 1; erysipelas and cholera infantum,

1 ; epilepsy and valvular heart disease with congestion, 1 ; fatty degeneration of kidney, 1 ; gastric fever, 1 ; hemiplegia, 1 ; heart disease, 4 ; inanition, 3 ; locomotor ataxy, 1 ; marasmus, 2 ; old age and debility, 1 ; œdema of the lungs, 1 ; paralysis from thrombosis, 1 ; phthisis pulmonalis, 7 ; phthisis, 3 ; pneumonia, 1 ; pneumonia and paralysis, 1 ; pleuro-pneumonia, 1 ; pneumonia typhoid, 1 ; passive congestion of lungs, 1 ; potency foramen ovale, 1 ; premature birth, 3 ; pyæmia, 1 ; pyæmia and Bright's disease, 1 ; perimetric cellulitis, 1 ; rupture of uterus during labor, 1 ; rheumatic meningitis, 1 ; septicæmia, 1 ; senile asthenia, 1 ; stillborn, 1 ; suicide, 1 ; typhoid fever, 1 ; typhoid fever and hemorrhage of bowels, 1 ; typhoid pneumonia, 1 ; typhlo enteritis, 1 ; tuberculosis, 1 ; unknown, 1 ; uraemic convulsions, 2 ; valvular disease of the heart, 1.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year 1882. 206 males and 24 females ; total 230.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by Law, \$486 00

ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer, 1,654 ; for the sum of \$46,175 29.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JANUARY 1, 1883.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

High School.

Alonzo G. Whitman, one year . . .	\$1,600 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, " . . .	800 00	
Annette Clark, " . . .	500 00	
		\$2,900 00

Grammar Schools.

FIRST.

Harriet C. Fairbanks, one year, . . .	\$750 00	
C. A. Bishop, 4 months, . . .	200 00	
Myra A. Whitney, 4 " . . .	200 00	
Myra A. Whitney, 2 " . . .	90 00	
		\$1,240 00

SECOND. (EMERSON ST.)

Lucy W. Bisbee, one year	\$550 00
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SECOND. CENTRE.)

C. E. Sewall, 37 weeks and 1 day . . .	511 75	
Phoebe A. Norris (substitute) . . .	19 25	
Arethusa K. Miller, " . . .	19 25	
		\$550 25

THIRD. (EMERSON ST.)

Susan D. Melcher, one year	\$550 00
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THIRD. (CENTRE.)

Emma M. Cate.	530 75	
Mrs. A. K. Miller (substitute) . . .	19 25	
		\$550 00

FOURTH. (CENTRE.)

Chastine Emerson, 9 1-3 weeks . . .	\$105 00	
Mary J. George, 32 weeks . . .	400 00	
		\$505 00

FOURTH. (BOARDMAN'S BLOCK).

Kate W. Bascom, 16 weeks,	\$200 00
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Intermediate and Mixed Schools.

Alice H. Long (Vinton St), one year,	450 00	
Kate W. Bascom (Lynde St.), 24 weeks,	270 00	
Lydia Mendum (Green St.), one year,	500 00	
Helen J. Barrett (Centre), 13 weeks,	146 25	
H. J. Gookin, " 23 "	258 75	
Alice B. Woodruff (Highlands), one year,	450 00	
Mary J. George (Upham St.), 8 weeks,	90 00	
C. L. Hollis, " 31 "	348 75	
Mary I. Hersey (Centre, substitute),	65 00	
E. C. Sweetser (Lynde St.), 16 weeks,	180 00	
		\$2758 75

Primary Schools.

Mary M. Gilman (Lynde St.), 9 months,	\$405 00	
K. C. Innis, " 1 "	45 00	
Hannah F. Lewis (Centre), one year,	450 00	
Hannah K. Harden (Green St.), one year,	450 00	
Lucy F. Dermot (Vinton St.), one year,	450 00	
		\$1,800 00

Music.

C. E. Whiting, one year,	\$300 00
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JANITORS' SALARIES.

Frank McLaughlin (High School Building), 13 months,	\$297 95	
W. Truman Howard (Centre), 11 months,	160 39	
Benjamin Stones (Vinton St.), 13 "	108 30	
Jos. W. Simonds (Green St.), 13 "	108 30	
Wm. F. Serrat (Lynde St.), 13 "	108 30	
John Singer (Highlands), 13 "	54 20	
Eri Upham (Upham St.) 13 "	54 20	
S. L. Walton (Town Hall). 11 "	45 86	
Sam'l Sprague, ,, 2 "	8 34	
C. T. Stevens (Centre), 2 "	29 16	
C. T. Stevens (Cor. Essex St) 4 "	16 68	
		\$991 68

SCHOOL COMMITTEES' SALARIES, 1380-81.

Clifton Fletcher, Chairman,	\$75 00
Julius S. Clark,	50 00
Levi W. Gilman,	50 00
Ann M. Kunhardt,	50 00
Sarah W. Bradbury,	50 00
Arethusa K. Miller,	40 00
	\$315 00

FUEL.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal,	\$808 98
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RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' salaries,	\$11,904 00
Janitors' ,,	991 68
Committees' ,,	315 00
	13,210 68
Fuel	808 98
	\$14,019 66

CONTRA.

Appropriation,	\$13,500 00
Balance from last year,	574 03
Received from State,	190 32
Received for tuition of children,	6 00
	\$14,270 35
Balance unexpended,	\$250 69
	\$14,270 35

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SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation	\$1,700 00
Balance from last year	133 19
	\$1,833 19
Received from C. A. Eastman, Agent, for books sold,	644 23
	\$2,477 42

EXPENDED.

General Repairs, Buildings, Grounds, &c.

D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	\$ 57 36
Benjamin Ames, " "	150 96
Richard Whowell " "	1 50
Samuel Ellison, " "	66 18
J. C. Howes, repairing furnaces, stoves, etc.	189 40
Holbrook & Hunt, repairing water pipes	6 38
A. W. Parker, painting and glazing	33 42
W. A. Remick, " " " "	60
G. W. Dew, painting High School clock	5 00
Benjamin Stones, cleaning vault	5 00
F. McLaughlin, stock and labor	5 40
Daniel McDonald, 247 feet granite curbing, at 65 cents	160 55
A. W. Lynde, setting stone, labor, loam, etc.	44 80
	\$726 55

BOOKS, STATIONERY, ETC.

Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., books	\$ 8 64
D. Appleton & Co. "	5 10
William Ware & Co. "	39 60
A. C. Stockin, "	6 23
Thompson, Brown & Co. "	21 33
Harper Brothers. "	71 50
Lee & Shepard, "	11 20
Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. "	50 00
M. W. Tewksbury, Agent, "	98 09
Robert S. Davis & Co. "	9 00
J. W. C. Gilman, "	58 60
Hall & Whiting, " etc.	179 59
Knight, Adams & Co. " "	252 86
Ginn. Heath & Co. " "	88 26
C. A. Eastman, " "	125 64
Geo. F. King & Merrill, pens, holders, etc.	49 25
Maynard & Noyes, ink	23 00

\$1,097 89

SUNDRIES, SUPPLIES, ETC.

S. P. Ruiter, step ladder	\$ 2 40
H. N. Cass, picture frame and mat	7 50
Thomas McCoubry, knees	2 25
S. G. Davis & Co., brushes and pans	5 50
Geo. H. Mason & Co., brooms and brushes	26 29
Peters & Jones, brushes and dusters	11 07
Henry Barron, expressing	6 80
M. F. Eastman "	3 40
L. T. Freeman, teaming	12 00
E. Thayer, conveying children	7 00
A. B. Pierce, services as truant officer	13 00
Thomas Ireland, cleaning High School clock	10 00
D. M. White, tuning and repairing piano	4 00
John Lahey, charcoal	17 50
George F. Boardman, three months' rent	50 00
J. R. Colby, chemicals, etc.	6 78
L. W. Gilman, sundries	29 33
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	23 65
C. G. Harris, ribbon	3 15
C. A. Eastman, salary as book agent	39 75
C. E. Prior, M. D., vaccinations	2 00
C. E. Whiting, music	6 78
A. K. Miller, expense visiting schools	2 40
N. E. Mat Factory, mats	12 00

\$304 55

PRINTING.

G. W. Reynolds, notices, circulars, etc.	\$14 50
T. W. Ripley, extra reports	8 00
Babb & Stephens, programmes	11 00

\$33 50

FURNITURE.

A. G. Whitcomb, desks, etc.	\$ 26 55
S. P. Rowell, repairs, etc.	30 99
N. E. School Furniture Co., desks, etc.	176 90
J. L. Hammett, desk	20 00

254 44

RECAPITULATION.

General repairs, etc.	\$ 726 55
Books, stationery, etc.	1,097 89
Supplies, etc.	304 55
Printing	33 50
Furniture	254 44
	\$2,416 93
Balance unexpended	60 49
	\$2479 42

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$900 00
Balance from last year	97 13

RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses :—

Moses Briggs	\$2 00
John R. Jones	2 00
Nelson Cochran	2 00
George W. Farnsworth	2 00
Royal B. Leighton	2 00
	\$10 00
From Crystal Lake Fishing Association, rent of pond one year	10 00
	\$1,017 13

EXPENDED.

Board of Selectmen, clerk hire, 1881	\$ 25 00
T. W. Ripley, printing 1200 reports, 1881	180 00
G. W. Reynolds, printing warrants, notices, bill heads, voting lists, etc.	86 00
T. W. Ripley, tax bills and notices	28 50
A. W. Haskell, Collector's book	3 50
Geo. F. King and Merrill, record book	6 12
John Larrabee, collecting, recording, and returning births, deaths, and marriages, 1881	62 80
Amount carried forward	\$391 92

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$391	92
John Larrabee, services preparing reports, 1881, register of voters, check lists, etc.	40	00
John Larrabee, cash paid for stationery, postage, etc.	8	50
Jos. F. Boyd, cash paid for stamps, etc.	1	20
P. O. Department, postal cards	1	00
H. Barron, expressing	1	30
M. F. Eastman, expressing	2	85
A. B. Pierce, returning 68 deaths, 1882	17	00
A. B. Pierce, posting notices, distributing warrants, reports, etc.	58	00
A. B. Pierce, taxes of 1876 and 1877 (refunded)	23	85
A. B. Pierce, services collecting poll taxes 1878 and 1879,	7	00
Babb & Stephens, printing orders and permits	18	25
Rockwell & Churchill, printing mortgage blanks	4	25
Hooper, Lewis & Co., book	4	75
B. & M. R. R., freight on well cover	25	
G. W. Bartlett, carriage hire	10	00
Dexter Pratt, carriage hire	5	50
H. G. Fields, expense, telegram	50	
A. W. Parker, painting signs	1	75
J. A. Dill, lunch furnished Selectmen (Nov. 1881)	2	00
Mrs. Emma Hyde, dinner furnished Selectmen (Nov. '82)	1	00
S. L. Walton, care of lock-up	25	00
.. .. posting bills	1	00
.. .. ringing bell	6	00
H. B. Newhall, posting notices	1	00
F. McLaughlin, ringing bell	6	00
W. C. Stevens,	6	00
Samuel Lear	6	00
Battery "C," M. V. M., firing salute, July 4	50	00
F. S. Hesseltine, counsel, M. G. Cochran vs. Town:—		
Verdict	\$204	00
Costs	60	24
Witnesses	15	00
		981 11
Balance unexpended		36 02
		\$1,017 13

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, Etc.

L. F. Hinckley, groceries and provisions	\$294 44
Wm. H. Wells "	163 50
Bugbee & Barrett, groceries and provisions	223 91
L. W. Gilman " "	89 58
James Worthen " "	114 63
O. F. Frost " "	9 00
C. Bruce " "	2 64
A. Wheeler & Co. " "	78 00
S. H. Nowell, milk	8 76
C. F. Shute "	10 12
Angevine Brothers, milk	3 92
H. E. Jordan "	3 08
G. R. White "	1 89
H. C. Bliss " and eggs	16 17
J. A. Dill, bread	40
Daniel Norton, Jr., cash paid	5 00
J. P. Murphy, guardian of A. M. Kelly :—	
For groceries, fuel, rent, etc.	280 27

 \$1,305 31
Fuel.

James Marshall, wood and coal	\$81 60
B. R. Upham, wood and coal	50 45

 \$132 05
Medical Attendance and Medicine.

Julius S. Clark, M. D.	\$43 50
G. H. Hackett, M. D.	6 00
John Larrabee, medicines	27 60

 \$77 10
For Support of Insane.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital	\$706 06
Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester	344 39
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	287 78
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	83 57

 \$1,421 80

Outside Relief.

City of Boston, aid to Eunice B. Snow, Ellen Warren and John Fallon	\$ 83 88
City of Lynn, aid to Mary A. Davis	14 00
City of Somerville, aid to Sarah J. Murray	17 35
City of Lowell, aid to Lawrence Reardon	8 65
Town of Woburn, aid to L. W. Harris and family	157 22
Town of Malden, board of Ezra Waitt	104 00
aid to Chas. Howard	68 80
aid to Asa Slocumb	52 00
City of Malden, board of Ezra Waitt	104 00
aid to Chas. Howard	193 23
aid to Asa Slocumb	59 50
	\$862 63

Rents.

B. R. Upham, 52 weeks, Mrs. Stinson	\$52 00
W. J. Farnsworth, 6 months, 5 days, C. M. Grover	21 50
W. J. Farnsworth, rent and supplies to Martha and Mary Paine (one year)	135 00
James L. Withey, one month, Henry F. Simonds	5 00
Oliver Wallace, 2 months, Henry F. Simonds	10 00
C. H. Simpson, 32 weeks, J. H. Howes	32 00
C. H. Simpson, 22 weeks, J. H. Howes	44 00
Estate C. A. Green, 5 months, Mrs. Sanborn and Wm. B. York, 4 months	41 00
John Warren, one month, J. Callihan	5 00
Dexter Bryant, nine months, Dennis Sullivan,	9 00
John W. Cobb, one year, Mrs. Robert H. Terry	48 00
Edward Duffy, 3 months, 12 days, Mrs. E. C. Grover	14 00
	\$416 50

Board and Clothing.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, board of Wm. F. Grover and James W. Murray	\$ 20 14
Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 51 w'ks, at \$3.00	153 00
Florence E. Upham, b'rd of Arthur J. Richardson, 53 wk's	87 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for Arthur J. Richardson	10 25

Amount carried forward \$270 39

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$270 39
Joseph W. Simonds, board of Abigail Connor, 39 weeks	117 00
Orice K. Stebbins, board of Abigail Connor, 13 weeks	39 00
A. M. Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 51 weeks	127 50
Samuel Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 52 weeks	132 00
S. J. Haraden, board of Abbie G. Fuller, 48 weeks	96 00
Selina E. Penney, board of Eliza Grover, 18 weeks	54 00
F. A. Biathrow, board of Eliza Grover, 9½ weeks	28 50
	\$864 39

Sundries.

C. G. Harris, dry goods	\$7 77
R. A. Freeman, moving furniture	4 00
H. G. Fields, boots, shoes, etc.	32 00
Samuel Sprague, boots, shoes, etc.	9 75
H. G. Fields, expense, cash paid	16 91
A. B. Pierce, services and expenses, removing insane persons, etc.	16 91
S. F. Barrett, car fares	1 25
	\$88 59

RECAPITULATION.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, etc.	\$1,305 31
Fuel	132 05
Medical attendance and medicines	77 10
Support of insane	1,421 80
Outside relief	862 63
Rents	416 50
Board and Clothing	864 39
Sundries	88 59
	\$5,168 37

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$4,500 00
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RECEIPTS.

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts	60 73
City of Boston	90 00
City of Somerville	156 00
City of Malden	47 00
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$353 73 \$4,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward . . .</i>	\$353 73	\$4,500 00
From Town of Malden	82 00	
“ “ Beverly	34 42	
“ “ Falmouth	9 00	
“ “ Canton	7 65	
H. G. Fields, money refunded by persons assisted	51 75	
Received for board, etc., of insane persons at asylums	272 77	
		811 32
		5,311 32
Balance unexpended		142 95
		\$5,168 37

The following claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department:—

From State of Massachusetts	\$36 00
City of Somerville	74 40*
Town of Beverly	26 00*
City of Boston	58 40*
For board of insane persons	225 32
	\$420 12

*Since received.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	206 09
	\$2,206 09

EXPENDED.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	500 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Thos. McCoubry, hooks and thimbles,	1 00
M. F. Eastman, hauling carriage,	2 00
	\$543 00

Russell Hose Company, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	\$291 67
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 7,200 feet gas	17 58
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	16 25
A. J. Morse & Son, hose, pipe, etc.	10 75
C. G. Harris, curtains and fixtures	5 32
Thos. McCoubry, repairs	25
G. W. Bartlett, hauling carriage	14 00
	\$395 82

N. D. Blake Hose Company, No. 2.

Services of men, one year	\$283 33
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 8,900 feet gas	25 06
Holbrook & Hunt, stove pipe and labor	5 47
R. Gibbons, Jr., stock and labor, whitening	9 00
Thos. McCoubry, repairing cranks	1 00
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	16 75
Hose Co., expense, hauling carriage	14 00
Hose Co., expense, repairing table	2 00
L. F. Hinckley, expense, glazing	1 00
	\$397 61

Highland Hose Company, No. 3.

Services of men, one year	\$296 67
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Samuel Lear, stock and labor on fence, and glazing,	21 47
John Singer, Jr., sundries,	2 72
James E. Spear, painting house	45 00
James E. Spear, painting fence	10 00
	\$415 86

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

M. F. Eastman, hauling Endeavor engine to fires	\$ 9 00
Board of Engineers, services one year	75 00
L. F. Hinckley, sundries	5 75
M. F. Eastman, expressing	50
R. M. Rand, care of engine	10 00
L. W. Gilman, rent, nine months (Hose Co. No. 2)	112 50
	\$212 75

RECAPITULATION.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company	\$543 00
Russell Hose Company	395 82
N. D. Blake Hose Company	397 61
Highland Hose Company	415 86
Contingent expenses	212 75
	\$1965 04

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Balance from last year	206 09	
	\$2206 09	
Balance unexpended		241 05
		\$2206 09

TOWN HALL.

No appropriation.

EXPENDED.

Samuel L. Walton, services as janitor, four months	\$100 00
Samuel L. Walton, " " six "	125 00
Samuel L. Walton, labor 5 3-4 days	10 07
Samuel Sprague, services as janitor, two months	50 00
Samuel Sprague, expense, towels, thermometer, etc.	1 75
John Lahy, charcoal	3 50
Malden and Melrose G. L. Co., 83,900 feet gas	236 28
C. Taylor, stock and labor	28 37
J. C. Howes, stock and labor	2 75
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	17 44
John Larrabee, disinfectants	75
C. G. Harris, towels,	50
Water commissioners, supply pipe,	24 35
Summers & Hunt, hose, pipe, etc.	16 75
Whittemore Brothers, lawn mower	15 50
M. F. Eastman, manure, signs furnished, expressing, etc.	14 30
A. W. Lynde, manure and teaming	8 50
B. R. Upham, manure	1 75
Amount carried forward,	\$657 56

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$657 56
John Henney labor	2 00
Thos. McCoubry, repairs	1 50
A. W. Parker, glazing	4 90
A. E. Upham, platform	21 00
	\$686 96

RECEIPTS.

Melrose Savings Bank, rent one year	\$100 00
Carey Concert, use of hall	25 00
Temperance meetings, use of hall	10 00
Religious " " "	10 00
Post 4, G. A. R. " "	10 00
Melrose Improvement Society, use of hall	10 00
H. O. Upton, " "	35 00
— Amerige, " "	30 00
Republican caucus, " "	6 03
Middlesex Fells Entertainment, " "	13 00
Burnham's Panorama, " "	9 50
Spaulding's Bell Ringers, " "	25 00
	\$283 53
Expenditures exceed	403 43
	\$686 96

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Balance from last year	303 30
	\$1,303 30

EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Co. of Boston for light-	
ing and care of 130 lamps 5 months	\$433 40
130 " 6 months	649 98
135 " 1 month	112 50
For painting and glazing lamp posts and lan-	
terns, as per contract	50 00
	\$1,245 88
Balance unexpended	57 42
	\$1,303 30

ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Balance from last year	24 90	
		\$124 90

EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Company for 5 iron posts, frames, and 5 copper lanterns	\$82 50	
Balance unexpended	42 40	
		\$124 90

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

For 6 lots sold residents, at \$55 each (graded)	\$330 00
6 " " " at \$40 each	240 00
1 " " " at \$44	44 00
From residents on account of lots sold	95 00
For lots sold non-residents, two at \$165 each	330 00
For graves sold non-residents	22 00
" " " residents	36 00
For grass sold	6 45
For care of lots (season 1882)	109 00
For grading, labor, etc.	36 50
	\$1 ,248 95

EXPENDED.

Thomas Marshall, for labor, 5 months	\$215 00
" " " 23 days at \$1.75 per day	40 25
" " team, 12½ days at \$1.75 "	21 87
" " manure	3 45
George Gobel, labor, 58 days at \$1.50 per day	86 81
R. Whowell, stock and labor	6 35
Justus Geist, plants	25 00
Henry J. Rice, 191 feet 6 inches, granite capping	86 17
" " 37 feet granite capping (circle)	20 35
Nelson Cochran, surveying	3 00
S. E. Eastman, P. M., stamps	3 25
Amount carried forward	\$511 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$511 50
G. W. Reynolds, printing	7 25
J. Q. A. Avery, 600 feet sods	12 00
Eri Upham, 500 feet sods	10 00
John Larrabee, cash paid, record books	2 00
Whittemore Brothers, tools, etc.	20 42
F. R. Upham, manure	2 00
J. C. Howes, force pump, hose, etc.	48 00
Dexter Pratt, tool box	6 50
George Newhall, services on committee	25 00
John Larrabee, " " "	25 00
	\$669 67

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$6,200 00
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year	
1880	50 22
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year	
1881	680 55
Received as interest from Collector, on taxes for year	
1882	100 36
Balance from last year	332 73
	\$7,363 86

EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds (\$65,000) at 7 per cent.	\$4,550 00
on notes to Lowell Institution for Savings	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	800 00
on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	560 00
	\$7,110 00
Balance unexpended	253 86
	\$7,363 86

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCHMEN.

Appropriation	\$1000 00
Balance from last year	20 62
	\$1,020 62

EXPENDED.

Night Watch.

A. B. Pierce, 59 nights*	\$118 00
A. B. Pierce, 306 half nights*	306 00
H. B. Newhall, 306 half nights	306 00

Police.

A. B. Pierce, 165 hours	41 25
Samuel L. Walton, 97 hours	24 25
Joseph Holbrook, 692 hours	173 00
A. C. Chick, 43 hours	10 75
A. J. Bodge, 50 hours	12 50
H. B. Newhall, 9 hours	2 25

 \$994 00

Balance unexpended	26 62
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\$1,020 62

 *Includes street duty, evenings.

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$2,250 00
Balance from last year	534 82
	\$2,784 82

EXPENDED.

Daniel Norton, Jr., Selectman and Overseer of Poor	\$200 00
Joseph F. Boyd, Selectman and Overseer of Poor	200 00
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman Overseers of Poor	250 00
John Larrabee, Town Clerk	175 00
George Newhall, Treasurer	500 00
George C. Stantial, Assessor	150 00
Estate of James C. Currier, Assessor	150 00
Dexter Pratt, Assessor	150 00
John R. Norton, Auditor, 1881	15 00
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor, 1881	15 00

Amount carried forward	\$1,805 00
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1805 00
Ernest Mendum, Auditor, 1881	15 00
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, one-half of 1 per cent. for collecting \$32,929.80 general taxes of 1881	164 65
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, 5 per cent. for collecting \$570.20, poll-taxes of 1881	28 51
Balance unexpended	\$2,013 16 771 66
	\$2,784 82

STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of amount paid during year 1881 (in full)	\$1315 00
Received from State Treasurer on account of aid paid during year 1879	13 70
	\$1328 70

PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING
YEAR 1882.

Samuel Sprague	\$88 00
Isaac C. Dowling	88 00
George C. Buckman	88 00
William Story	88 00
George A. Tainter	88 00
Luzon Weeks	48 00
Joseph S. Eastman	48 00
Theodore L. Palmer	36 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Angus McDonald	72 00
Charles H. Young	12 00
James F. Ramsey	18 00
Ann M. Jewett	48 00
J. Spencer Drayton	30 00
	\$944 00

MELROSE WATER FUND.

EXPENDED.

Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 per cent. per annum	\$9,000 00	
bills on account of construction and maintenance (for a detailed statement of which see Commissioners' report)	8,164 70	
Treasurer of Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners, per order, surplus over expenses for 1881	2,698 38	
		\$19,863 08

CONTRA.

Jan. 1, 1882. To the credit of the account	\$1,540 40	
Appropriations for the use of the water	2,000 00	
for maintenance	1,500 00	
for deficiency, construction account, 1881	1,150 98	
Received from A. Lane, Superintendent, cash at various times, water-rates collected, etc.	11,752 65	
		17,944 03
Amount overdrawn — due Town		1,919 05
		\$19,863 08

DRAINAGE, BRIDGES, AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Balance from last year	49 31	
		\$549 31

EXPENDED.

Labor and teams	\$102 47	
Daniel McDonald, granite	7 20	
T. R. Newhall, granite	28 80	
A. Parker, cesspool stone	7 00	
Amount carried forward	\$145 47	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$145 47	
Waldo Brothers, 136 feet 8-inch pipe	33 66	
Marcellus Day, 67 1-2 feet 18-inch pipe	48 79	
B. & M. R. R., freight on drain pipe	4 73	
J. P. Deering, lumber	4 51	
		237 16
Balance unexpended		312 15
		\$549 31

ARMORY RENT.

Received from State Treasurer rent for one year to	
Jan. 1, 1883	\$600 00
Paid Henry A. Leonard rent to Jan. 1, 1883	600 00

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Balance from last year	80 81
	\$1,080 81

EXPENDED.

Paid Walter B. Ellis one-half the expense of laying 2,860 $\frac{3}{4}$ square yards of con- crete, at 37 cents per yard	\$529 22	
For laying 95 $\frac{5}{8}$ square yards of concrete, at 37 cents per yard	35 47	
For laying 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ square yards of concrete, at 50 cents per yard	4 83	
		569 52
Paid for labor and teams, grading walks, for concrete		230 49
J. K. Currier, moving fence on Vine Street		7 00
		807 01
Balance unexpended		273 80
		\$1,080 81

CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

Appropriation	\$500 00
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EXPENDED.

Paid Walter B. Ellis for laying 738 $\frac{2}{3}$ yards concrete gutters, at 37 cents per yard	\$273 11
Paid Walter B. Ellis, 236 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards concrete crossings at 50 cents per yard	118 16
Paid for labor and teams, grading, etc.	62 72
	453 99
Balance unexpended	46 01
	\$500 00

MILITARY AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of aid paid in 1881 (one-half of amount paid)	\$426 75
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[Sums paid under provisions, chap. 252, Acts of 1879.]

Avery B. Howard	30 00
Daniel D. Penney	72 00
George W. Grover, Jr.	96 00
Philip McMahan	96 00
William J. Riley	24 00
Wm. H. Richardson	24 00
Moses P. Mitchell	48 00
Ede K. Chase	72 00
Edwin H. Downing	40 00
William B. York	32 00
Horace W. Stevens	72 00
William A. Johnson	16 00
Benjamin F. York	48 00
Joseph R. Simonds	80 00
Torry Peabody, Jr.	16 00
	\$766 00

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$3,500 00
Balance from last year	61 24
Received from S. E. Benson, for sand taken from Myrtle Street	20 00
Received from P. R. Ellis, for stone	15 00
	\$3,596 24

EXPENDED.

Paid for labor and teams	\$3,136 28
January and February (clearing snow)	\$614 60
March	293 25
April	557 92
May	417 08
June	669 11
July	315 91

GRAVEL.

A. H. Heath, 320 loads @ 10c.	\$32 00
James Marshall, 553 loads @ 8c.	44 24
	\$76 24

SUNDRIES.

D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	\$33 25
H. C. Richardson, sprinkling Myrtle St.	2 00
Whittemore Brothers, shovels	26 10
Bugbee & Barrett, nails, etc.	4 89
J. P. Deering, lumber	25 47
Dexter Pratt, tool chest and iron bar	7 26
M. F. Eastman, expressing shovels	75
J. C. Howes, lanterns, etc.	10 20
Edwards Brothers, repairing snow ploughs	7 00
Thos. McCoubry, sharpening tools, etc.	66 87
	\$183 79

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation, balance, and receipts	\$3,596 24
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$3,596 24

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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Amount brought forward \$3,596 24

EXPENDED.

Labor and teams \$3,136 28

Gravel 76 24

Sundries 183 79

3,396 31

Balance unexpended . . . 199 93

\$3,596 24

ROLLER AND SCRAPER.

Appropriation \$500 00

EXPENDED.

Whittemore Bros., one 3,200 lb. road roller \$250 00

Kimball Bros., one Eureka road machine . 175 00

Edwards Bros., three snow ploughs . . 75 00

\$500 00

FIRST STREET.

Appropriation \$300 00

EXPENDED.

Paid for 2 days' labor, @ \$2.26 per day . \$ 4 52

for 7 days' labor, @ \$1.76 per day . 12 32

16 84

Balance 283 16

\$300 00

HEARSE.

Unexpended balance \$46 40

Paid A. B. Pierce, material furnished, labor, draping
hearse, repairs on harness, etc. . . . 46 40

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation authorized, dog tax and \$500 00

Received from Amos Stone, County

Treasurer, dog tax for 1881 . . 393 98

\$893 98

Paid to E. H. Goss, on orders from Trustees . . \$893 98

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in the treasury, Jan. 23, 1882	\$ 638 39
Total receipts for the year	98,959 28
	99,597 67
Total disbursements for the year	98,467 89
	\$1,129 78

PERMANENT LOANS.

December 1, 1882, paid note to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$5,000 00
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TEMPORARY LOANS.

Borrowed of Melrose Savings Bank during April, July, and August,—paid in October	6,000 00
Borrowed of the Commonwealth on note dated Decem- ber, 1882, for six months, interest $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent.	12,000 00
Borrowed of Melrose Savings Bank on note dated Jan- uary 1, 1883	2,000 00
December 24, 1882, paid note to Arlington Savings Bank (renewed note of previous year)	12,000 00

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1, 1883.

BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1, 1892	50,000 00
Town Hall bonds, due Oct. 1, 1892	65,000 00
	\$215,000 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	

Amount brought forward \$215,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Notes Outstanding.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due	
Oct. 15, 1883, interest 6 per cent. \$ 5,000 00	
Lowell Institution for Savings, due	
Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent. . 20,000 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due	
Oct. 15, 1888, interest 6 per cent. . 5,000 00	
	30,000 00

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due June 21, 1883,	
interest 3 3-4 per cent. 12,000 00	
Melrose Savings Bank, on demand, interest 4 per cent. 2,000 00	
	\$259,000 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on account of State aid (1882)	\$944 00
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of military aid (1882)	383 00
Bills due on poor account	420 12
Uncollected taxes:—	
1878	153 23
1879	113 10
1880	415 80
1881	1,550 38
1882	20,456 04
	22,688 55
Water Loan Sinking Fund, Jan. 4, 1883 . . .	11,906 56
Cash in the treasury	1,129 78
	37,472 01
Net debt more than assets available	221,527 99
	\$259,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

(E. and O. excepted.)

GEO. NEWHALL,
Treasurer.

MELROSE, Jan. 30, 1883.

DR. GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

Jan. 23, 1882. Cash in treasury \$638 39

RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer : —

On account of School Fund	\$ 190 32	
Armory rent, 1882	600 00	
State aid, 1881	1,315 00	
Corporation tax, 1881	467 67	
“ “ 1882	1,692 26	
Bank tax	619 96	
Military aid, 1881	426 75	
State aid, 1879	13 70	
		5,325 66

From various sources : —

On acc't of School Contingent, books sold	644 23	
Poor Fund	811 32	
School “	6 00	
Con'gt “	20 00	
Highways	35 00	
For use of Town Hall	283 53	
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1881	393 98	
For lots, graves, etc., Wyoming Cemetery	1,248 95	
From A. Lane, Superintendent, water rates collected, etc. . . .	11,752 65	
		15,195 66

TAXES.

A. B. Pierce, Collector, taxes for 1877,	46 61	
John R. Jones, “ “ 1879,	350 00	
Moses Briggs, “ “ 1880,	541 35	
Jona. C. Howes, “ “ 1881,	20,000 00	
“ “ “ 1882,	37,500 00	
		58,437 96

LOANS.

Received on Treasurer's notes	20,000 00	
		\$99,597 67

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE.

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By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows : —

School Fund	\$14,019 66
School Contingent Expenses	2,416 93
Contingent Fund	981 11
Poor Fund	5,168 37
Fire Department	1,965 04
Town Hall	686 96
Street Lights	1,245 88
Cemetery (Wyoming)	669 67
Police	994 00
Town Officers' Salaries	2,013 16
State Aid	944 00
Water Fund	8,164 70
Drainage	237 16
Armory Rent	600 00
First Street	16 84
Additional Street Lamps	82 50
Concrete Sidewalks	807 01
Concrete Crossings and Gutters	453 99
Military Aid	766 00
Highways	3,396 31
Roller and Scrapers	500 00
Hearse (repairs)	46 00

46,175 29

By paid interest on Water Fund Bonds 9,000 00

“ “ Notes and Town

Hall Bonds . 7,110 00

order of Trustees Public Library 893 98

State Tax, 1882 4,760 00

County Tax, 1882 1,793 96

Treasurer Water Loan Sinking

Fund (surplus 1881) 2,698 38

for land for Schoolhouse at

Highlands 760 00

for land for Schoolhouse, etc., cor.

Myrtle and Grove Streets . 2,276 28

29,292 60

TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's Notes 23,000 00

Jan. 30, 1883. By cash in the Treasury 1,129 78

 \$99,597 67

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the Treasurer's books, and find them correctly kept, and proper vouchers for all expenditures. The cash balance at the close of business, January 23, 1883, we find standing to the credit of the Town on the books of the Everett and Freeman's National Banks of Boston, and in the Treasurer's hands.

We have examined the accounts of the Public Library Trustees, and find vouchers for expenditures, as per report of the Treasurer.

FRANK E. ORCUTT,
JOHN R. NORTON,
ERNEST MENDUM,

Auditors.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

I herewith submit the following as the report of the Fire Department for year ending Dec. 31, 1882.

The expenses have been \$1,965.04, as follows :—

Hose 1, \$395.82; Hose 2, \$397.61; Hose 3, \$415.86; Hook and Ladder No. 1, \$543; Contingent Fund, \$212.75. In the latter is included the rent of quarters occupied by Hose 2.

The appropriation for the year was \$2,000 and the unexpended balance from 1881, making a total of \$2,206.09. There is, therefore, to the credit of the Department, \$241.05.

The house occupied by the Highland Hose has been put in good repair, and the premises fenced.

The Russell Hose House needs repairing, which will be done this Spring.

The apparatus in charge of the different companies is in good order, and well supplied with hose, etc.

January 16, the Department extinguished fire in the house owned and occupied by C. Casey, on Maple Street. The loss was about \$200, and fully insured.

January 20, an incendiary fire occurred in house on Second Street, owned by William Scrannage, and at the time unoccupied. Owing to its distance and the lack of water facilities, the loss was almost a total one. The property was valued at about \$700, and insured.

August 16, barn on School Street was damaged about \$200.

April 12, house at Norrisville was damaged about \$200.

The Department was called on several times to work at wood fires, and did good service. The only loss of any account, from these alarms, was the partial burning of a shed in the Jewish Cemetery, April 18.

For the ensuing year, we ask an appropriation of \$2,000 and the unexpended balance of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Board of Engineers,

L. F. HINCKLEY, *Clerk*.

MELROSE, Dec. 31, 1882.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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FOR YEAR 1882.

Number of inhabitants	4,739
children, 5 to 15 years of age	948
dwellings	1,038
horses	301
cows	134
dogs	222
acres of land taxed (about)	2,700
Value of real estate	3,447,850
personal estate	302,939
Total valuation	\$3,750,789
Rate of taxation per \$1,000, \$14.80.	
Amount of appropriations	\$50,048 81
State tax	4,760 00
County tax	1,793 96
overlay	1,492 84
	\$58,095 61
Assessed as follows: —	
. Number of polls, 1,292.	
Tax on polls, at \$2.00 each	2,584 00
personal estate	4,483 43
real estate	51,028 18
Amount of warrant committed to the Collector	58,095 61
additional assessments	18 94
“ “ re-assessed	148 74
	58,263 29
Less abatements	\$258 87
“ “ re-assessed	148 74
	407 61
Net amount, January 1, 1883	57,855 68
On which there has been collected	\$37,399 64
And interest	100 36
	\$37,500 00

ABATEMENTS ON 1882.

Mrs. Lucy A. Barrett.....	\$4 44	Daniel Russell.....	\$22 90
Mrs. Zilpha Butler	7 40	Mrs. J. K. Roberts.....	3 00
Mrs. C. W. Clinckard.....	4 99	Mrs. Eliza Robinson.....	74 00
Mrs. John Collegan.....	8 12	Henry Robinson	2 00
Misses Conway.....	14 04	Mrs. H. M. Smith.....	4 06
Geo. W. Crocker Estate.....	29 22	Miss J. Stackpole.....	4 98
J. C. Currier.....	3 80	Mrs. S. S. Twombly.....	7 40
Mrs. A. Durant.....	4 40	Samuel D. Taylor	8 64
Mrs. Lyman Elms.....	7 36	Mrs. Mary A. Wheeler.....	3 30
Jacob Gobel Estate.....	5 92	Miss Nancy S. Wilson.....	2 96
Mrs. Ellen Hurley.....	4 97	——Titcomb, re-assessed	11 10
Mrs. B. R. Higgins.....	76	T. Corey, “	110 63
Henry Hunt.....	5 13	McClellan&Dunbar, “	4 44
Albert Johnson.....	2 96	S. H. Buttrick, “	11 84
Levi Miles Estate.....	5 72	J. B. Balfour “	3 33
Mrs. E. M. Morcombe.....	7 40	Mrs. Lucy Westgate Estate, re-	
Miss M. A. O'Riley.....	5 00	assessed.....	7 40
Winfred S. Pierce.....	2 00		
Charles Pratt.....	2 00		
			<u>\$407 61</u>

FOR YEAR 1881.

Net amount of Collector's Book, January 1, 1882,	
as per last report	\$54,418 91
Additional assessments in 1882	3 04
	<u>54,421 95</u>
Abatements made in 1882	113 63
	<u>54,308 32</u>
Net amount, January 1, 1883	\$52,757 94
On which there has been collected	742 06
And interest	<u>\$53,500 00</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1881, DURING 1882.

Mrs. H. M. Smith.....	\$ 3 11	Henry Hunt.....	\$ 3 90
“ J. K. Roberts.....	5 52	Timothy Corey.....	6 90
“ Lucy A. Barrett.....	4 14	Benj. F. Pratt.....	1 38
“ M. A. Wheeler.....	6 05	Wm. Tisdale.....	2 00
Geo. W. Crocker, Estate....	28 64	Smith W. Nichols.....	2 00
Michael Powers “	5 53	F. W. Brown.....	10 30
F. D. Howe “	3 87		
Joseph Lynde “	9 59		
Rufus A. White	20 70		<u>\$113 63</u>

FOR YEAR 1880.

Net amount of Collector's Book, January 1, 1882,	
as per last report	\$53,992 08
Abatements made in 1882	12 78

Net amount, January 1, 1883	53,979 30
On which there has been collected	\$53,563 50
And interest	97 71
	\$54,543 21

ABATEMENTS ON 1880, DURING 1882.

Charles G. Fuller	\$ 3 27
Smith W. Nichols	7 94
William Noyes	1 57
	\$12 78

FOR YEAR 1879.

Net amount of Collector's Book, Jan. 1, 1882, as per	
last report	\$57,012 04
Abatements made in 1882	90 38

Net amount, Jan. 1, 1883	56,921 66
On which there has been collected	\$56,808 56
And interest	972 79
	\$57,781 35

ABATEMENTS ON 1879, DURING 1882.

James Burns	\$ 2 00	Edward Johnson	\$ 2 00
J. A. Baker	2 00	Dennis Leonard	2 00
E. W. Burnham	2 00	Chas. E. Loring	2 00
R. N. Chandler	2 00	Geo. E. Leathe	2 00
W. H. Earl	2 00	Mrs. G. G. Nichols	1 50
George A. Eaton	1 00	Chas. O. Norrby	2 00
John Ford	50	O. Richardson	2 00
John T. Ford	2 00	E. W. Simonds	2 00
Frank Fallon	2 00	John Sowle	2 00
Chas. G. Fuller	3 00	Alfred Sidney	2 00
Chas. Flew	2 00	Chas. Stebbins	2 00
Albert French	2 00	W. C. Thayer	2 00
H. Grosslaub	2 00	W. H. Taylor	2 00
W. Grosslaub	2 00	Aaron L. Tay	2 00
James Grundy	2 00	Geo. Wyckoff	2 00
Wm. N.K. Hunt	18 00	Clarence Whitford	2 00
John Henney	2 00	Fred. Waite	2 00
Clarence Hale	2 00	Chas. A. Waite	2 38
Wm. Hallahan	2 00		
F. W. Judkins	2 00		\$90 38

FOR YEAR 1878.

Net amount of Collector's Book, as per last report .	\$49,524	69
Abatements made in 1882	39	58
Net amount, Jan. 1, 1882	49,485	11
On which there has been collected .	\$49,331	88
And interest	892	13
	\$50,224	01

ABATEMENTS ON 1878, DURING 1882.

Dexter Bryant.....	\$ 17 58	E. A. Robinson.....	2 00
B. W. Chandler.....	2 00	John H. Sears.....	2 00
Samuel Cate.....	2 00	Thos. R. Spear.....	2 00
Samuel A. Cate.....	2 00	E. A. Sargent.....	2 00
Walker T. Double.....	2 00	S. L. Woodward.....	2 00
Edwin F. Jones.....	2 00		
Sherman Lynde.....	2 00		
			\$39 58

We record here the decease of MR. JAMES C. CURRIER, our associate member for the last four years, which occurred suddenly August 6, 1882. Mr. Currier, during his residence in Melrose, had filled many responsible positions in its affairs, having served on the Board of Selectmen in the years 1868, 1869, 1870, and 1871; represented the district at General Court in 1871, and served on the Board of Assessors from 1875 to 1882 inclusive, besides other official duties. In all these positions he labored for the interest and welfare of the Town; and in his death we lose a faithful and upright citizen.

GEORGE C. STANTIAL,
DEXTER PRATT.

Assessors of Melrose.

COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1882.

Amount of warrant and tax list as received from the	
Assessors	\$58,095 61
Additional assessments	167 68
	58,263 29
Abatements (see Assessors' Report)	407 61
	57,855 68
Interest collected	100 36
	57,956 04
Cash paid Treasurer	37,500 00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1883	\$20,456 04

JONATHAN C. HOWES,
Collector for 1882.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1881.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1882, as per last report	\$20,980 42
Additional assessments	3 04
	20,983 46
Abatements in 1882 (see Assessors' Report)	113 63
	20,869 83
Interest collected in 1882	680 55
	21,550 38
Paid Treasurer in 1882	20,000 00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1883	\$1,550 38

JONATHAN C. HOWES,
Collector for 1881.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1880.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1882, as per last report	.	\$919 71
Abatements on 1882 (see Assessors' Report)	. .	12 78
		906 93
Interest collected in 1882		50 22
		957 15
Paid Treasurer in 1882		541 35
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1883		\$415 80

MOSES BRIGGS,

Collector for 1880.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1879.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1882, as per last report	.	\$553 48
Abatements in 1882 (see Assessors' Report)	. .	90 38
		463 10
Paid Treasurer in 1882		350 00
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1883		\$113 10

JOHN R. JONES,

Collector for 1879.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1878.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1882, as per last report	.	\$192 81
Abatements in 1882 (see Assessors' Report)	. .	39 58
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1883		\$153 23

JOHN R. JONES,

Collector for 1878.

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Water Commissioners herewith submit their Thirteenth Annual Report, giving a complete statement of the Réceipts and Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1882.

For the additions and extensions made, we refer you to the report of the superintendent.

We take this opportunity to refer to the death of our associate, Joseph R. Simonds, which occurred on November 6, 1882. As a member of the Water Board, he was ever ready to second any measure proposed to advance the interest of the works, and to stand firmly by whatever he considered right. He had been connected with the Board since 1874.

THE POND.

From various causes, the screens at the gate-house are liable to become clogged, which stops the flow of water and occasions serious inconvenience to water-takers on the hills. That the gate-keeper may be constantly on hand to detect and remove, *at once*, such obstructions, a suitable house should be erected near the Pond, in which he could reside permanently. Such a house could probably be built for \$2,000; and your Commissioners recommend that a special appropriation of \$1,000 be made for that purpose. The city of Malden will probably appropriate a like amount.

A driveway has been constructed, leading from the main road to the gate-house, at an expense of \$390,—one-half of which was paid by the city of Malden, and one-half by the town of Melrose. Previous to the building of said driveway, there was no street or way through which teams could reach the pond except by trespassing on private grounds.

The importance of providing in the near future an additional main pipe from the pond, as a safeguard in case of accident or breakage of the one now in use, has been considered by your Commissioners.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year, as follows:—

For Hydrants, Town Hall, Schoolhouses, etc.	\$2,000 00
“ house at Pond	1,000 00

WATER TAKERS, 1883.

Families	963
Apothecaries	2
Aquarium	1
Armory	1
Barber shops	2
Bakehouse	1
Blacksmith shop	1
Churches	6
Carriage shop	1
Engine and hose houses	4
Fish markets	2
Greenhouses	7
Hand hose	235
Hydrants	95
Halls	5
Livery and boarding stables	5
Manufactories	5
Motors	2
Ornamental fountains	6
Private stables	40
Printing office	1
Public drinking fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad depots	3
Standpipes	2
School houses	7
Stores and shops	20
Truck and cart stables	12
Number of water-takers as per register 1883	1,076
Number of water-takers as per register 1882	1,006

Increase over 1882 70

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount Received for Water Rates exclusively.

1870-71	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,909	29
1872	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,141	84
1873	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6,133	88
1874	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,202	31
1875	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,882	85
1876	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,788	93
1877	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,850	45
1878	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,267	95
1879	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,717	13
1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,863	14
1881	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,223	84
1882	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,818	84
Estimated income for 1883	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11,500	00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1882	.	.	.	\$176,987	41
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Expended this year as follows:—

City of Malden, pipe	.	.	.	.	\$ 698	05
Davis & Farnum Mfg. Co., pipe	.	.	.	.	1,084	56
Boston Lead Co., pig lead	.	.	.	.	70	84
Richard Pattee, hydrants	.	.	.	.	231	00
S. E. Benson, cement	.	.	.	.	110	00
Bills for trenching	.	.	.	.	1,109	12
A. C. Chick, blasting	.	.	.	.	325	00
J. H. & I. Cunningham, pipe	.	.	.	.	756	13
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools	.	.	.	.	45	20
Boston Machine Co., gates	.	.	.	.	80	95
Summers & Hunt, fittings	.	.	.	.	62	43
J. C. Howes, labor and material	.	.	.	.	112	00
					4,685	28

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1, 1883	.	.	.	\$181,672	69
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MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

Summers & Hunt, corporation stops . . .	\$133 33
George W. Reynolds, printing . . .	19 00
Dexter Brothers, white lead . . .	16 09
T. W. Ripley, printing . . .	4 00
John Larrabee, auditing books . . .	15 00
J. H. & T. Cunningham, pipe . . .	458 80
Bills for trenching and repairs . . .	938 87
Somerville Iron Foundry, castings . . .	66 49
Addison Lane, superintendent . . .	1,000 00
Dalton & Ingersoll, brass fittings . . .	30 18
Boston & Maine R. R. freight . . .	33 68
Expense in lowering pipe . . .	150 00
M. F. Eastman, expressing . . .	20 25
Addison Lane, expense . . .	15 86
Thomas McCoubry, repairing tools . . .	19 66
James Worthen, sundries . . .	1 16
J. C. Howes, labor and material . . .	191 14
S. E. Benson, cement . . .	20 13
W. W. Boardman, horse hire . . .	7 00
Bugbee & Barrett, hardware, etc. . .	11 63
Joel Atwood, boxes . . .	3 75
P. R. Ellis, sand . . .	12 00
M. F. Whitten & Co., sisel . . .	10 04
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, paint . . .	1 50
C. M. Clapp, rubber cloth . . .	13 66
Holbrook & Hunt, old lead . . .	1 13
M. C. Warren & Co., hardware . . .	1 50
Hopkinson & Marden, pick handles . . .	2 50
New England News Co., blank books . . .	5 12
H. A. Leonard, cotton cloth . . .	1 50
L. T. Freeman, teaming . . .	17 00
John Alyward, labor . . .	3 00
George W. Bartlett, horse hire . . .	34 00
Boston Rubber Shoe Co., box, etc. . .	9 45
J. S. Austin, horse hire . . .	61 00
Joseph D. Wilde, commissioner . . .	50 00
W. Irving Ellis, " . . .	50 00
Joseph R. Simonds, " . . .	50 00

 \$3,479 42

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 1, 1882, Coupons on \$50,000 .	\$1,500 00	
July 1, " Coupons on \$100,000 .	3,000 00	
Oct. 1, " Coupons on \$50,000 .	1,500 00	
Jan. 1, 1883, Coupons on \$100,000 .	3,000 00	
		9,000 00
		\$12,479 42

RECEIPTS.

Received from Town for use of water	\$2,000 00	
" " " maintenance	1,500 00	
" City of Malden, care gate-h'se	259 19	
on pipe account	664 67	
for stock sold	3 35	
" notices	1 60	
" shutting off and letting on .	5 00	
" water rates	10,818 84	
		15,252 65

CONTRA.

Paid on interest account	\$9,000 00	
expenses	3,479 42	
		12,479 42

Surplus for the year \$2,773 23

Furniture, Stock, and Tools on hand, Jan. 1, 1883.

Furniture	\$170 00
Tools of all kinds	200 00
Stock	730 50
	\$1,100 50

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

MELROSE WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Gentlemen,—I herewith present to you my Annual Report giving in detail the operations of this department, showing the progress and present condition of the works, together with a condensed statement of the receipts for the year ending December 31, 1882.

THE POND.

Notwithstanding the large increase of takers, the pond still affords an ample supply for all purposes. The lowest point being 37½ inches below high water mark, December 21. The following record will show the condition of the Pond during the year.

RECORD.

Rise and Fall of the Pond in 1882.

Jan.	1	.	.	Water 28 inches below high-water mark.
"	10	.	.	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	20	.	.	24 " "
"	30	.	.	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Feb.	10	.	.	15 " "
"	20	.	.	6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	28	.	.	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
Mar.	2	.	.	At high-water mark.
"	3	.	.	Commenced to run over at waste way, and continued until April 3.
April	10	.	.	Water $\frac{1}{4}$ inches below high-water mark.
"	20	.	.	" 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	" 1 " "
May	10	.	.	" 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	" 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	" 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
June	10	.	.	" $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	" 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	" 6 " "
July	10	.	.	" 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	20	.	.	" 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	30	.	.	" 16 " "
Aug.	10	.	.	" 21 " "
"	20	.	.	" 25 " "
"	30	.	.	" 29 " "
Sept.	10	.	.	" 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	20	.	.	" 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	" 28 " "
Oct.	10	.	.	" 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	" 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	30	.	.	" 31 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
Nov.	10	.	.	" 34 " "
"	20	.	.	" 35 " "
"	30	.	.	" 36 " "
Dec.	10	.	.	" 36 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	" 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	21	.	.	" 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " the lowest point.
"	30	.	.	" 37 " below high water mark.

COMPARATIVE RECORD.

Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.

1874.

Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.

1875.

Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full, June 23. Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.

1876.

Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full, March 25.

1877.

Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full, March 15.

1878.

Lowest point, $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Nov. 13. Pond full, Jan. 15. Pond full second time, Dec. 14.

1879.

Lowest point, 45 inches, Dec. 20. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1 to May 20.

1880.

Lowest point, $63\frac{1}{4}$ inches, Dec. 30. Highest point, May 10, being then 12 inches below high-water mark.

1881.

Lowest point, 65 inches, Jan. 8, at which time the water was down to the top of the pipe at the gate-house, commenced pumping and continued until Jan. 22. The pump was started again Feb. 6, and run until Feb. 13. Pond full and running over from March 22 to April 30. Next lowest point, 32 inches, Dec. 22.

1882.

Lowest point, $37\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Dec. 21. Pond full and running over at waste-way from March 3 to April 3.

STREET MAINS.

But five leaks have occurred on the main pipes since last report, all of which were promptly repaired.

Four thousand nine hundred and forty-four feet of street mains have been laid the past season, from which a large increase of revenue will be derived.

Repairs made in 1882.

Jan. 7. — Repaired leak in 6-inch pipe on Franklin street. Rust hole.

Jan. 31. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Winthrop street.

May 11. — Repaired leak in 16-inch main on Wyoming avenue. Leak in joint.

July 13. Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Elm street. Replaced with new pipe.

Aug. 16. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on High street. Rusty pipe. Replaced with new pipe.

Aug. 31. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Howard street. Rust hole.

Sept. 19. — Repaired Hydrant on Myrtle street; put in new valve.

Oct. 3. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Linwood avenue. Rusty pipe. Replaced with new pipe.

Oct. 4. — Repaired Hydrant on Main street by clearing out waste.

Nov. 14. — Repaired Hydrant on Trenton street by clearing out waste.

Nov. 24. — Repaired leak in 8-inch pipe at new Rubber Works. Defect in casting.

Dec. 27. — Repaired service pipe on Mount Vernon street. Rust in corporation.

HYDRANTS.

Six new Hydrants have been added to the fire service the past season.

One on High street on the line of pipe previously laid. And five Hydrants on new pipe as follows: One on Prospect avenue; One on Warren street, Highlands; Three at the new Rubber Works.

Whole number of Hydrants now in use, ninety-five.

One on Myrtle street was repaired by putting in a new valve.

Two have been taken up and the waste cleared out.

All the Hydrants were thoroughly examined before winter set in, and those needing repairs put in good condition.

GATES SET IN 1882.

Twelve new gates have been added to the pipe lines the past season,— located as follows :

One six-inch gate on Franklin street, east of Tremont street.

One eight-inch gate on the pipe laid to the new rubber works, west of Main street.

One four-inch gate on Tremont street, north of Melrose street.

One two-inch gate on Tremont street, north of Franklin street.

One four-inch gate on Circuit street, north of Hurd street.

One two-inch gate on High street, east of Vinton street.

One four-inch gate on Myrtle street, north of Grove street.

One two-inch gate on Greenwood street, north of Franklin street.

One four-inch gate on Herbert street, west of Myrtle street.

One two-inch gate on Ellsworth avenue, east of Tremont street.

One two-inch gate on place off Emerson street, north of Emerson street.

One four-inch gate on Prospect avenue, north of Franklin street.

There are one hundred and three gates of different sizes now in use.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

The five drinking fountains have continued in good condition through the season, giving an abundance of water to the thirsty, both man and beast.

SERVICE PIPE.

Fifty-eight new services have been put in the past season, being thirty more than was laid in 1881. 1,156 feet of service pipe has been laid from main pipe to street line, and 1,588 feet inside of street line at the owner's expense.

Five have been relaid with new pipe, and one relaid to a greater depth.

SERVICE PIPE RELAID.

July 3. Service pipe on Mount Vernon street, relaid with 1½ inch pipe.

July 27. Service pipe on Vinton street, relaid with 1-inch pipe.

July 31. Service pipe at corner of Main and Emerson streets, relaid to greater depth.

Aug. 10. Service pipe on Youle street, relaid with new pipe.

Sept. 15. Service pipe on Emerson street, relaid with new pipe.

Sept. 21. Service pipe on Upham street, relaid with new pipe.

AMOUNT OF PIPE LAID IN 1882.

Street Mains.

The following record will show the streets in which pipes have been laid the past season, giving the size of pipe and number of feet in each street.

8-inch pipe at new rubber works	.	.	.	.	1,050 feet.
4 " " on Warren street	.	.	.	.	436 "
4 " " " Prospect avenue	.	.	.	.	500 "
4 " " " Circuit street	.	.	.	.	210 "
2 " " " Ellsworth avenue	.	.	.	.	314 "
2 " " " High street	.	.	.	.	600 "
2 " " " Rowe street	.	.	.	.	130 "
2 " " " Tremont street, north	.	.	.	.	500 "
2 " " " Greenwood street	.	.	.	.	313 "
2 " " " place off Emerson street	.	.	.	.	291 "
4 " " " Myrtle street, relaid	.	.	.	.	600 "
					4,944 "

Service Pipe.

$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch from main pipe to street line	.	.	.	.	1,156 feet.
$\frac{3}{4}$ " " inside of street line	.	.	.	.	1,588 "
$\frac{3}{4}$ " " relaid	.	.	.	.	1,156 "
1 " " "	.	.	.	.	58 "
$1\frac{1}{4}$ " " "	.	.	.	.	190 "
					4,148 "
Total	.	.	.	.	9,092 feet.

I have also, as Water Registrar, collected for water rates the sum of \$10,818.84, and from other sources \$933.81, making a total of \$11,752.65, which sum has been paid to the Town Treasurer, for which I hold his receipts.

The following table will show the different classes of water

takers, and the amounts paid by each ; also the amounts received from other sources :—

Received from families	\$8,968 84	
“ “ stores and shops	111 00	
“ “ manufactories	287 00	
“ “ use of hose	708 00	
“ “ stables	502 00	
“ “ greenhouses	88 00	
“ “ fountains	28 00	
“ “ halls	56 00	
“ “ churches	52 00	
“ “ depots	18 00	
		10,818 84
Received from City of Malden	259 19	
“ pipe account	664 67	
“ stock sold, etc.	9 95	
		933 81
Total		\$11,752 65

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON LANE,

Superintendent.

MELROSE, Feb. 4, 1883.

By request of the Board of Water Commissioners, I have audited the accounts kept by Addison Lane, as Water Registrar, and find that there was charged for water rates for the year 1882 the sum of \$10,845.43 ; that abatements were made amounting to \$26.59 ; that the balance, \$10,818.84, has been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer.

That he has also received for stock sold, care of gate house, and on account of pipe laid, the sum of \$933.81, making a total of all moneys received by him, and paid to the Town Treasurer, of \$11,752.65.

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Circuit			210				1		
Eleventh.....				255				1	
Third			287				1		
Main		3,784	478		9	2			
Green		2,700			3	1			
Franklin		3,155½	360		4	2			
Vinton		3,497½	436		6	2	1		
Trenton.....		1,233	1,331½		1	3	2		
Melrose			2,339½		1		1		
Ashland.....			1,475		2		2		
Tremont			3,180		2		4		
Greenwood.....				637				1	
Perkins			236				1		
Baxter			484		1		1		
Florence			1,340½		1		3		
Maple and Poplar...			2,265½		2		3		
Emerson			3,977		6		4		
Youle			998½	342	1		1		
Otis				780					
Oakland.....			1,161		1		1		
Linden Place.....				286					
Cedar Park.....			1,206½		2		2		
Laurel				457					
Cottage.....			1,142	193	2		2		
Hurd			768				1		
Berwick.....			1,226½		1		2		
Herbert			220	158½			1		
Grove (West).....			287½		1				
Waverly Place.....			690½		1		1		
Foster			1,470½		1		3		
Myrtle and Lake ave..			3,170		4		8		
Winthrop			695½				1		
Vine			691				1		
Essex			1,437		4		2		
Willow				663				1	
Short and Main.....				470½					
Reading Hill				3			1	1	
Porter			2,514½		3		1		
School				495					
Rubber Works.....	1050		18		3				1
Prospect avenue.....			500		1		1		
Tremont (North).....				500				1	
Place off Emerson.....				291				1	
Ellsworth avenue.....				314				1	
Albion			222				1		
Pleasant.....				1125	1			1	
Winter			241				1		
Charles			335		1				

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME— *Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Warren			632	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....
Bellevue avenue			1,000	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....
Upham			3,283	.....	5	.....	2	.....	.....
Stevens place.....				216	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon			2,750	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....
Grove.....			1,366	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walnut			187½	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Lynde and Lindwood			2,960	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....
Summer.....			701	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....
Wyoming ave. (East).....			1,076	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Wyoming ave. (West).....				.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chestnut.....			572	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon			394	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Auburn			372	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Winthrop place.....			520	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Belmont.....			376	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
High			376	600	.....	.....	1	1	.....
Prospect.....			1,026	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....
Essex and Lake ave.....			1,082	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Avon.....			422	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Elm			1,057	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Howard			272	550	.....	.....	1	1	.....
Upham and Dell ave.			3,488	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
East.....			534	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Washington			760	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Irving			387	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Emerson place.....				251	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Seventh				288	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Wastes, 27 x 24.....			51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
80 Plugs.....			80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grove street (East).....		1,865	16	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....
Emerson street (East).....		743½	10	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Rowe street				552	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Total.....	1050	16,978½	63,145½	9427	95	12	77	13	1

WATER RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water-closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00
Other charges as above.	

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to \$20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLE.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	2 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
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When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel . . .	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath houses	10 00

STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates, special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot Pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk’s office.”

JOSEPH D. WILDE,
W. IRVING ELLIS,

Water Commissioners.

REPORT

OF THE

WATER LOAN SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1882.

In accordance with legal requirement, we submit this Annual Report, though the report of our treasurer, Mr. George Newhall—to which we refer for a full statement—seems to make it unnecessary.

At the beginning of the year we had,—

Cash on hand	\$1,446 48
Our receipts have been the surplus from water fund of 1881	2,698 38
Interest from investments	493 16

We have purchased for investment, of above funds —

City of Lynn bond	1,000 00
City of Cambridge bonds	2,000 00
City of Providence bond	1,000 00

At a total premium of \$520.11,—and we have on
hand, in cash, the sum of 107 91

The total fund is now \$11,906.56.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL RUSSELL,
R. P. BARRY,
JOHN W. FARWELL.

MELROSE, Feb. 20, 1883.

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, Treasurer, in Account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan Sinking Fund. Cr.

To cash received from Water Fund, surplus over expenses for years — 1873.....\$3,635 00 1877.....98 16 1879.....1,203 89 From J. D. Wilde.....33 34 Interest on bonds and deposits to Jan. 1, 1881.....414 61 Jan. 1, 1881. Sinking Fund, as shown.....	\$5,385 00	1878. By cash paid for United States bonds, registered, 4½ per cent. — Three of \$1,000 each..... One of \$500.....	\$3,000 00 500 00
From Water Fund, surplus over expenses for year 1880.....	3,066 08	1881. City of Salem bonds, 5 per cent.—Three of \$1,000 each interest on bonds (accrued)..... premiums on bonds..... expense, safe rent, etc.....	3,000 00 65 42 692 62 10 50
Interest on bonds and deposits to Jan. 1, 1882.....	263 94	1882. City of Lynn bond, 6 per cent. (one)..... “ Cambridge bonds, 6 per cent. (two)..... Providence bond, 5 per cent. (one)..... interest on bonds (accrued)..... premiums on bonds..... tent of safe..... cash on hand to balance, deposited in Melrose Savings Bank.....	1,000 00 2,000 00 1,000 00 57 33 462 78 10 00 107 91
From Water Fund, surplus over expenses for year 1881.....	2,698 38		
Interest on bonds and deposits to Jan. 1, 1883.....	493 16		
<u>\$11,906 56</u>	<u>\$11,906 56</u>		<u>\$11,906 56</u>

Respectfully submitted,

(E. and O. excepted.)

Jan. 4, 1883.

GEO. NEWHALL, Treasurer Water Loan Sinking Fund.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library present their Twelfth Annual Report.

While the record of the year may seem comparatively uneventful in the history of this library, it has been marked by steady growth in public favor and appreciation, as one of the great forces in education.

Especially is this the case among the class of readers who desire to study books of lasting value, rather than fill their minds with light literature.

We find ourselves, however, unable to satisfy this class of readers; and after doing the best we can, are obliged to refer them to city libraries, where large appropriations enable the managers to provide liberally for specialists.

Having now accumulated a library of fifty-one hundred volumes, and filled all the shelf room provided for books, we come to the citizens of Melrose, asking a critical examination of the library, — the work it has done, is doing, and ought to do, — and such an appropriation as will carry out your wishes in this department. What the library needs is: *first*, an enlargement of shelf room; *second*, a catalogue of the books added since 1875 — our supplements having all been distributed; *third*, a reading room in connection with the library, to relieve the over-crowding which now causes so much annoyance and inconvenience; *fourth*, the opening of the library every day in the week.

These matters demand the serious attention and consideration of all who desire the welfare of the town. It is safe to assert that nothing conduces so much to the prosperity of the town as careful

attention to the education of the entire population. The public schools leave the pupils at seventeen years of age, and give attention to the next younger generation. The graduates of our schools are still learners ; what food will they best thrive upon, — what diet shall we recommend, — that the product of our entire system of education may be good citizens, both men and women?

Though the needs of the library have been pressed upon your attention in the past, we again venture to ask for that careful consideration which wisdom and prudence dictates.

Among the donations will be noted a rare book, entitled, “Description of the Abbeys of Melrose and Old Melrose, with their traditions ; by John Bower, Melrose—Edinburgh ; printed for the Author. 1822.” This is another of the many gifts of our friend, Daniel Jefferson, Esq., who is continually showing his regard for the library by his works. We annex a list of the donations, as well as the statistics for the entire year. The thanks of the Trustees are extended to the donors.

By the courtesy of Mr. G. W. Reynolds, lists of the new books added from week to week have appeared in the *Melrose Journal*.

DONATIONS.

Books.

Donors.

Description of the Abbeys of Melrose and Old

Melrose, by John Bower : Edin. 1822 . . . Daniel Jefferson.

Tell It All. A life's experience in Mormonism G. W. Reynolds.

Bacchus Dethroned “ “

Gerritt Smith “ “

Disenthralled “ “

Paccharotto, and other Poems . . . Miss M. L. Charles.

Papers.

The Literary World Daniel Jefferson.

Pamphlets.

Annual Report of the Boston Public Library . . . 1

“ “ “ Chicago “ “ . . . 1

“ “ “ Beebe “ “ Wakefield . 1

“ “ “ Lancaster “ “ . . . 1

Annual Report of the Malden Public Library	1
“ “ “ Manchester, N. H., Public Library . . .	1
“ “ “ Peabody Institute	1
“ “ “ Woburn Public Library	1
“ “ “ Watertown “	1
The Tuftonian	9
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office	52
Bulletins of the Boston Public Library	4
Early History of Groton, Mass. . . . Samuel A. Green.	1
Sermon on the Death of James A. Garfield. C. D. Bradlee.	1
List of Patentees and Inventions from Jan. to June, 1882	1
	77
Number of pamphlets now in the library	562

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Number of volumes in library Jan. 1, 1882	4,789
“ “ purchased this year	314
“ “ donated “	6
	320
“ “ in library Jan 1, 1883	5,109
Number of persons using library Jan. 1, 1882	946
“ cards issued this year	395
“ “ relinquished	14
	381
Number of persons using library Jan. 1, 1883	1,327
Largest number of volumes issued in one day	483
Smallest “ “ “ “ “ (stormy Monday)	25
Average “ “ “ on Mondays	86
“ “ “ on Saturdays	328
Whole “ “ “ in March	2,871
“ “ “ in May	2,606
“ “ “ in October	2,199
“ “ “ in December	2,373
“ “ “ this year	28,074

Five hundred and seventy-eight books have been re-bound, and seventy-seven books have been replaced, new for old.

The library has been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, and Monday evenings, for one hundred and fifty-

three days. It was closed three days. There were seventeen stormy days during the library year.

The librarian and assistants have attended to the duties assigned them in a manner satisfactory to the Trustees.

The Trustees, after careful consideration, respectfully request the following appropriation for the year 1883 :

For current expenses 1883, five hundred dollars and the dog tax ; for catalogue of books added since 1875, and additional shelving, three hundred dollars.

In behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES C. BARRY, *Secretary.*

FREDERIC KIDDER,
ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,
A. A. NICHOLS,
HANNAH LYNDE,
CHARLES C. BARRY,

Trustees.

1882.					
Feb. 1, }	To cash paid J. R. Osgood & Co., books.....	\$ 19 13	By cash on hand from account 1881.....	\$ 1 48	
Dec. 29, }	"		" from Town Treasurer, dog tax of 1881..	393 98	
March 7, }	De Wolfe, Fiske & Co. "	328 26	" " Librarian, fines.....	45 13	
Feb. 14, '83 }	"		" " Town Treasurer, appropriation	500 00	
March 7, }	Harper & Bros., books.....	7 50	for 1882.....		
March 7, }	Lockwood, Brooks & Co., books.....	34 46			
Sept. 28, }	Geo. E. Littlefield, books.....	6 55			
March 18, }	T. W. Ripley, reports.....	3 00			
" 18, }	G. B. Sargent, ribbon.....	50			
" 22, }	Miss Carrie M. Worthen, Librarian....	204 93			
Dec. 31, }	"				
April 12, }	Mrs. A. G. Bradstreet, books.....	2 25			
Dec. 31, }	P. D. Meston, binding.....	116 20			
Dec. 31, }	Rev. Jos. Wild, books.....	2 00			
April 22, }	G. F. King & Merrill, printing.....	8 20			
June 7, }	A. F. & C. W. Lewis, books.....	50			
July 8, }	Eastman's Express.....	3 00			
" 29, }	"				
" 8, }	Estes & Lauriat, books.....	41 81			
Dec. 31, }	"				
July 19, }	Willard Small, books.....	23 63			
Oct. 27, }	"				
July 19, }	W. Frenz, books.....	4 50			
Dec. 6, }	D. L. Guernsey, books.....	3 75			
Sept. 4, }	"				
Oct. 2, }	G. W. Reynolds, books.....	9 65			
" 8, }	" " printing.....	5 00			
Dec. 20, }	A. C. Stockin, books.....	3 45			
Oct. 8, }	Atlantic Monthly, 1883.....	4 00			
Nov. 20, }	J. E. Haynes, books.....	1 25			
Dec. 31, }	Little, Brown & Co., books.....	5 60			
" 31, }	W. B. Clarke & Carnuth, books.....	32 80			
" 31, }	"				
1883.					
Jan. 19, }	N. F. Thayer, books.....	2 00			
" 19, }	Jos. T. A. Lewis, books.....	1 50			
" 20, }	H. B. Adams, books.....	3 00			
Feb. 6, }	Rev. H. A. Hazen, books.....	3 00			
Feb. 1, '82 }	Ink, wrappers, stamps, extra help, P. O.				
Feb. 14, '83 }	box, etc.....	15 07			
Feb. 14, '83,	Balance on hand.....	44 10			
		\$940 59			\$940 59

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1882.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1882-83.

Chairman, CLIFTON FLETCHER.—Term expires March, 1883.

Secretary, JULIUS S. CLARK “ “ 1885.

LEVI W. GILMAN “ “ 1884.

MRS. S. W. BRADBURY “ “ 1884.

MRS. A. K. MILLER “ “ 1885.

MRS. J. G. ADAMS “ “ 1883.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	ELECTED.	SALARIES.
High	A. G. Whitman	November, 1874....	\$1,600
High	Emma A. J. Bugbee.	November, 1874....	800
High	Annette Clark.....	August, 1880	500
First Grammar.....	Harriett C. Fairbanks.....	November, 1880	750
First Grammar.....	Charlotte Bishop.....	September, 1882	500
Sec. Grammar, Emerson St..	Lucy W. Bisbee.....	May, 1867.....	550
Sec. Grammar Centre School,	E. Sewall.....	December, 1881....	550
Third Grammar, Emerson St..	Susan D. Melcher.....	May, 1873.....	550
Third Grammar, Centre St...	Helen J. Barrett.....	December, 1882	550
Fourth Grammar, Centre St..	Mary A. George.....	May 1880.....	500
Fourth Gram'r, Boardman H.	K. W. Bascom	September, 1878....	500
Intermediate, Centre.....	Ella F. Norris.....	December, 1882....	450
Intermediate, Vinton St....	Alice H. Long.....	September, 1877....	450
Intermediate, Lynde St....	Effie C. Sweetser.....	September, 1882....	450
Upper School, Green St....	Lydia Mendum.....	November, 1874....	500
Lower School, Green St....	Hannah K. Harden.....	August, 1881.....	450
Highlands (mixed)	Alice B. Woodruff.....	August, 1881.....	450
Upham Street (mixed).....	C. L. Hollis.....	March, 1882	450
Primary, Lynde Street.....	Alice Maud Swett.....	December, 1882....	450
Primary, Centre St.....	Hannah F. Lewis.....	March, 1876	450
Primary, Vinton St.....	Mrs. L. F. Dermot.....	April, 1880.....	450
Music Teacher.....	C. E. Whiting.....	September, 1879....	300
			\$12,200

JANITORS.

High School Building, Frank McLaughlin	\$275
Centre School Building and Boardman Hall, Charles T. Stevens	225
Committee Room School, Samuel Sprague	50
Green Street School, Joseph Simonds	100
Lynde Street School, Wm. F. Serratt	100
Vinton Street School, Benjamin Stone	100
Upham Street School, Eri Upham	50
Highland School, John Singer	50
	\$950

TRUANT OFFICERS.

A. B. Pierce.

Frank McLaughlin.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We present the following official report to the citizens of Melrose:—

FINANCES.

The balance left over from last year was not far from \$570. The amount appropriated at the March meeting was \$13,500. There was received from the State fund and other sources about \$200, making in all a total of \$14,270. Out of this sum have been paid the salaries of the teachers, the janitors, the committee, and the cost of heating the school buildings, amounting in all to some over \$14,000, leaving a small balance in the treasury.

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

The present pay roll of teachers is at the rate of \$12,200 per year. The pay roll of Janitors, \$950; and the six committee, \$325. The cost of the fuel will probably reach \$875. The expense of one or more new Schools to be organized early in the Spring, may be estimated at \$550.

SYNOPSIS.

Pay roll of teachers	.	.	.	.	\$12,200
“ “ janitors	.	.	.	.	950
“ “ committee	.	.	.	.	325
Cost of fuel	.	.	.	.	875
Cost of New Schools	.	.	.	.	550
Total expense	.	.	.	.	\$14,900

We recommend for the current year of 1883, an appropriation of \$14,500, in addition to any unexpended balance. We also recommend for contingent expenses the sum of

\$2,300. In explanation of the last amount, it may be stated, there is little or no balance left in the treasury. The High School Building ought to be painted the ensuing summer, and quite likely new furnaces provided; one or more new rooms completely furnished; concrete walks laid in front of Centre and Myrtle street buildings; besides the usual amount of general repairs, and the necessary supply of school material.

TEACHERS.

There have been about the usual number of changes. Early in March, Miss Chastine Emerson who had been annually elected for eighteen years, wearied with her long devoted toil, resigned her position and returned to her home in Salem. About the same time, Miss Helen J. Barrett, teacher of the Centre Intermediate, received and accepted a call with higher salary to a school in New Haven. During the summer vacation, Miss Myra A. Whitney, the excellent assistant teacher in the First Grammar (choosing to enter upon a more honored and loved employment), quietly sent to the committee her resignation. Near the middle of November, Miss Helen J. Gookin, who had taught nearly two terms at the Centre Intermediate, gave up her position and returned to Lowell. About a month later, Miss Emma M. Cate, who for thirteen years had stood in the front rank of our earnest progressive teachers, yielded to the higher pay and stronger attractions of Somerville. Finally, just at the close of the year, Miss Mary A. Gilman gave notice of ending her long and successful work as teacher in Melrose, to accept the larger rewards of Cambridge.

NEW TEACHERS.

There were appointed at the Upham-Street, Miss Carrie L. Hollis, of Medford; at the Upper and Lower Lynde-Street, Miss Effie C. Sweetser, of Woburn, and Miss Alice Maud Swett, of Dover, N. H.; at First Grammar, Miss Charlotte Bishop, of Windsor, Vt.; and at Town Hall; Miss Ella F.

Norris, of Chelsea. Each of these came with the reputation of being successful teachers in other places. It may be a little early to judge whether they will all be equally successful in, and adapted to, their new positions. We hope they will individually receive proper official and parental help and sympathy. This thought naturally leads to our next topic.

SELECTION OF NEW TEACHERS.

Those who have had experience on the School Board know perfectly well there is, aside from this, no more critical or important work to be done. With the utmost care, under scant time and limited opportunities, wrong appointments will sometimes be made. Diplomas and eulogistic recommendations cannot always be depended upon. Success in one place may not warrant success in another. Different towns and cities have their different standards in regard to school work. No doubt, our Normal Schools are a good thing, and aid much in supplying a large number of well educated teachers. But these will often come short in the practical teaching and discipline of the schoolroom. The test of ability for doing good work, *is good work*. The power to execute well is dependent upon three things, natural gifts, culture, and experience. Superiority is not, and never will be, an everyday product. The highest gifts in any profession are, "like angel visits," few and far between. Those fortunate few will naturally drift where the rewards are greatest.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Our State passed a law a few years ago making it imperative on the part of school authorities to furnish all pupils of the public schools the prescribed text-books at cost. At a regular meeting of the committee, held early in March, action was taken to have this wise enactment no longer remain in our town a "dead letter." A sub-committee was chosen to make all needed purchases of books at lowest cost, including

those in the hands of Miss Carrie A. Eastman. She, having the most convenient place of deposit, and being admirably fitted by experience, was appointed agent, at a salary of fifty dollars per year, to take charge of the proper keeping and selling of said books. It was also voted to require the agent to keep an accurate account of all property placed in her care, with invoice prices, and have such record open for inspection at all suitable times. Furthermore, that the agent be required to turn over to the town treasury, once in three months, all moneys received from sale of said books or property to pupils, parents, teachers, or others; that such moneys may be duly accredited to the school contingent fund. And, finally, that the annual settlement with the agency, be, if possible, at the first Board meeting in each January. At such meetings shall be presented a written statement of all property received during the preceding year, the quantity sold, the quantity left on hand, and its cost value, together with the amount of money turned into the treasury. During the part of the year under the above agency, there was received and passed into the town treasury, from sale of books, over five hundred dollars; while the cost value of those left over for part of the supply for the ensuing year, was two hundred and fifty-two dollars. By the above provision, it must be seen, there will be a large saving secured to the parents of eight or nine hundred children, who are under necessity, year by year, of buying a large number of text-books. Furthermore, having one uniform price, and that price the lowest, a vast amount of time and trouble will be saved, while all classes will be placed on perfect equality. We hope, however, the time is not far distant when our town will take the new departure and furnish free text-books for all its public schools.

MAPLEWOOD BORDER.

This part of our town is unfortunately situated. All its public interests are connected with Malden, and yet it is not entitled to any of the privileges of that city. Living on

this border land are a dozen families of hard working industrious people. Some of them live on Lebanon Street beyond the junction of Forest Street, and the others on the road leading from Maplewood to Swain's Pond. Belonging to these families at the present time are fifteen or twenty children of school age. The important question is, How shall these children be provided with suitable educational privileges? The distance to the Melrose schools is from a mile and half to two miles. This is quite too far to travel during the cold and stormy months of winter; but it may be asked, why cannot these children attend the Malden schools? There are two or more answers to this question. The first is, that the Malden schools are also far away, though not quite so far as those of our own town. The second is, to attend the Malden schools is quite expensive. The tuition of a non-resident child to a primary or grammar school is \$20 per annum, and \$60 to the High school. This, for poor families, with two or more children, is a heavy burden to be borne; still, some have borne it, more or less, in the years gone by. All honor to such who have determined to educate their children even at great sacrifice. But such earnest, sympathetic appeals have come before the Board during the year as could not well be passed unheeded. We are glad to state that a partial remedy has been provided. For the present winter, a suitable team will take the children up to the schools in Melrose in the morning, and convey them home again at night. This will ensure great punctuality during all kinds of weather, and be entirely satisfactory to the parents. The expense will not be very great (\$3.50 per week), and will be paid from the contingent fund.

GREEN LANE.

This is a winding road leading out of the south side of Franklin Street, about half a mile west of the Highland station. In 1850, and several years before, there lived on this street several families by the name of Green; hence

the place became designated as "Green Lane." This locality lies in the town of Stoneham, but is partially identified with the educational privileges of Melrose. Soon after the incorporation of our town, by a special Act of the Legislature Melrose became obliged to educate the children living in those original homes ; provided they chose to attend its public schools. Under the same enactment the town of Stoneham was obliged to pay tuition for said children according to the pro rata cost of educating its own pupils. For a short time, we believe, the bills were annually presented and promptly paid. But by some strange oversight on the part of the proper authorities, the matter for the last twenty-five years or so has been overlooked, or buried in oblivion. As the result of this neglect, the tuition of several children for nearly a score of years, or even more, has been legally lost. Had this tuition been annually collected, it would have amounted to a thousand or twelve hundred dollars at least. So our good friends at the west of us have been the beneficiaries of Melrose to this trifling extent without even the asking. While they have yearly received the taxes of those original homes in Green Lane, we have educated the children. Our little annual loss has been their annual gain. We have no words of censure, for the bills were not presented. We are glad to state, however, that measures have recently been taken by the present School Board to have this whole matter honorably adjusted. As the statute law permits us to go back six years, there remains the small amount of four hundred and fifty dollars fairly and legally due. We have no reason to doubt that the town of Stoneham will cheerfully respond to this and all other just demands, when fairly presented.

That our worthy successors may not be left in the darkness which descended to us, and that no discord may interrupt the harmony pleasantly existing between the two towns, it seemed advisable to the Chairman to place on record the above statement in reference to "Green Lane."

RUBBERVILLE.

Should business start up during the Spring, as we presume it may, not only would the new houses all be occupied but others be required and doubtless provided before the end of the year. The anticipated children in those homes will be under the necessity, for a while, of attending the schools at Wyoming. The distance to those of the Lynde or Myrtle Street would not be over three-quarters of a mile. There should, however, be built a nice concrete walk on the west side of Main Street, extending from Wyoming Avenue to the group of new buildings just beyond Converse Street. While we plead for this in behalf of the school children, it would add at the same time no small convenience to the general public; especially to more or less hands to be employed in the rubber works. Should this walk be built sufficiently wide and elevated, and bordered with shade trees by the Improvement Society, it would be quite an item toward the further beauty and prosperity of the whole town.

SUPERINTENDENT.

At a special Town meeting held November 15th, it was voted to unite with Stoneham or Wakefield in procuring a competent person to act as Superintendent of Schools. Should this dual arrangement be carried into effect, it may possibly prove a step in the right direction. On the principle, as suggested by the able advocate of the measure, that "half a loaf is better than none," it may be well to try the experiment. We are inclined to the opinion, however, that it would be more satisfactory in the end to remain independent, and employ the entire services of a whole man. There can be no question that a thoroughly qualified Superintendent, one who could devote his whole time, would be a valuable help to the public schools of our town. But a person who simply filled the position for pay, or one given to new experiments and notions, would doubtless be a poor investment.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

These have been under the same experienced teachers during the entire year. There was, however, a slight break in the teaching at the Lynde-Street Primary. Owing to severe illness, Miss Gilman was unable to resume work at the commencement of the Fall Term. For a month or more, her place was supplied by Miss Kate Inness. During the last week of December, what had been feared for a long time was realized,—Miss Gilman, who had served the town with rare fidelity as a teacher for nearly twenty years, sent in her resignation. As the city of Cambridge was willing to pay her a salary of about \$200 more per annum for the same grade of teaching, she was fully justified in accepting their offer. It will be seen by the statistical table that three of our Primary Schools are overflowing with numbers. At the end of the year, Miss Lewis at the Centre, had sixty; Mrs. Dermot at Vinton-Street, fifty-seven; and Miss Gilman at the Lynde-Street, fifty-six. At the opening of the Spring Term, no doubt the number in each will be considerably increased.

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

UPHAM STREET.

This is now the smallest of any in town, having at the present time but twenty-one pupils. As several new houses are building in this pleasant locality, there seems a good prospect of the school gradually increasing. Last May, Miss Mary A. George, who had been the teacher here for the past two years, was transferred and promoted to the care of the Fourth Grammar at the Centre. The vacancy was immediately filled by the election of Miss Carrie L. Hollis of Medford. Under her quiet, genial deportment, a very commendable degree of elementary work has been accomplished.

GREEN STREET.

The two schools located here have been favored with their usual prosperity. Miss Mendum happily holds the warm love and respect of parents and children. The same may be said of Miss Harden, whose bright and cheery manner admirably fits her to be the successful teacher of the forty-four little ones in the lower room.

HIGHLANDS.

Of the ungraded schools, this has grown to be the largest. It now numbers in all forty-nine pupils, with an average attendance of forty-two. If the pressure continues and increases, as undoubtedly it may, more and better school room will become a necessity in the near future. Miss Alice B. Woodruff continues to be the acceptable teacher, and under peculiar disadvantages fills the position with wonderful spirit, courage and fidelity.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

These have an average number of forty-two pupils. The children are quite young, their ages averaging nine years and three months. The present teachers are Miss Alice H. Long, at the Vinton Street; Miss Effie C. Sweetser, at the Lynde Street; and Miss Ella F. Norris, at the Town Hall. As these schools are but one grade above the Primary, the constant aim should be to make them very bright and cheerful. Expert and happy illustrations on the blackboard, and in other ways, should keep all the eyes and ears interested. No exercise should be over ten or fifteen minutes in length. Especial pains should be given to phonetic spelling and to script writing. While the discipline should be mild and unconscious, it should be sufficiently strict to admit of no unnecessary noise or confusion.

FOURTH GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

These are two in number, located in close proximity, one in Boardman Hall, the other in the Centre Building. The number of pupils in both is just ninety, nearly equally di-

vided ; or, to be definite, forty-four and forty-six. The average age is eleven years and three months. The teachers, K. W. Bascom and M. A. George, are too well known and appreciated to need what might justly be added, merited words of praise:

THIRD GRAMMAR.

These are the same in number, under the quiet and faithful teaching of Susan D. Melcher and Helen J. Barrett. The last has taken the place so long and admirably filled by Miss Emma M. Cate ; but when gold is exchanged for gold of the same value, there can be no reasonable ground of complaint. Miss Melcher's school is somewhat smaller than for a long time, and looks, in her large, beautiful room, a little thin. We presume the number will be increased at the opening of the next school year.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

These are also two in number, embracing ninety-one pupils, Miss Bisbee having forty-four, and Miss Sewall forty-seven. The average attendance has been for the year ninety-three, plus,—being nearly equal to that of the First Grammar, which has been ninety-four, plus. The average age of Miss Bisbee's pupils is thirteen years, and of Miss Sewall's, twelve years one month. Many excellent things might be said in regard to the above teachers, but they, having received well-earned laurels in the past, need no new words of praise. Miss Sewall was elected one year ago from among the long-experienced teachers of Malden, to take the place of Miss Julia M. Porter during her leave of absence, or until she should be able to resume her loved employment. This will probably be at the beginning of September next.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The matter of holding one session during the Winter, corresponding to that of the High School, came again before the Committee, under the pressure of a strong petition. After being thoughtfully considered and thoroughly discussed, as

it had been several times before, the subject was finally laid upon the table. There was one item, especially, which had considerable weight toward a negative decision. So far as known to the School Board, no town or city in the Commonwealth had adopted the plan of one session for any grade below that of High School. Doubtless there has been here and there an instance where the experiment has been tried, but with no permanent satisfaction. It would seem, therefore, to be the prevailing sentiment that children under fourteen or fifteen years of age are too young to endure the strain of a five hours' session without receiving more or less injury. It was also urged by some members of the Board that not only better health, but more and better work could be secured by the majority of pupils by adhering to the old custom of having a long noonday change, recreation and rest, with proper physical nourishment at the home table.

What was said in last report respecting excellent teaching and discipline has remained emphatically true during another year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The teachers have labored in harmony and been untiring in their efforts to secure the best results in their several departments. If we judge correctly, they have aimed to impart a thorough knowledge of the studies pursued; and at the same time to kindle a permanent love for culture, learning, and refinement. It must be evident to all who have had a just inspection of the work performed, that the English classical and college courses have each been well cared for.

Seven of the thirteen comprising the graduating class were fitted to enter the best Universities of New England. Choosing, according to their individual preferences: Jennie F. Conant went to Smith College; George H. Conant, to Amherst; Arthur W. Barrett, to Amherst; Thomas S. Burr, to Williams; Edward W. Frentz, to Colby; Charles D. Jones, to Boston University; and Harry C. Miller, to Har-

vard. These young friends, as well as others, who have graduated from our town, are full of promise for the future. We are glad to place on record a new feature in the history of our High School. The Franklin Fraternity has offered three prizes for highest attainments in mathematics and English literature. These prizes, we understand, are intended to be annual, and the first award is to be made at the close of the present school year. Their united value is expected to be not far from twenty-five dollars.

We regret that the suggestion made a year ago in regard to a High School Library has, as yet, awakened no personal response. We hope it will not be forgotten, for a small library of classical, scientific, and historical books, to be increased a little year by year, would be of unspeakable value.

As a word of commendation may not be amiss, we are happy to refer to the beautiful little paper published for a short time by some of the older and more ambitious pupils of the school. While the articles were entirely original, many of them were remarkably bright and sparkling. Like a wild flower, the "Record" had, as was expected, only a brief day of life, but the few numbers carefully laid away will be precious souvenirs to the authors in twenty-five or fifty years to come.

The graduating exercises of the High School were held in the Town Hall on the evening of July 29th. The front part of the platform was prettily decorated with rare ferns, plants, and flowers. The large audience was well pleased with the clear and distinct execution of the evening's programme.

The following are the names of the graduates.

*DELIA F. BURNS.

†CHARLES H. BENNETT,

‡JENNIE F. CONANT.

†THOMAS S. BURR.

‡MARELLA J. GIBBONS.

†GEORGE H. CONANT.

‡CLARA W. LYNDE.

†EDWARD W. FRENTZ.

†HARRY L. ALDRICH,

†CHARLES D. JONES.

†ARTHUR W. BARRETT.

*W. STEDMAN KENT.

†HARRY C. MILLER.

* English Course.

† College Course.

‡ Classical Course.

GRADUATES OF FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*June 30, 1882.**Names.*

JENNIE MAY ALDRIDGE.
 AMY FRANCES BARRY.
 MABLE GRACE BARRY.
 MARY EMMA COCHRANE.
 MARY M. DEMPSY.
 BERNARD BRADFORD DUNBAR.
 GEORGE EDWARD FENN.
 ANNIE ALICE LYDIA FOX.
 GEORGE HURD HARDY.
 LIZZIE MABLE HARRIS.
 ROBERT PUTNAM HOOD.
 ANNIE FRANCES HYDE.
 WILLIAM EDWARD KEATING.
 DAVID ROSS LECRAW.
 JENNIE PHINNEY LEWIS.

Names.

FRANCES MAY LERNED.
 NELLIE IMOGENE MERRILL.
 GEORGE KENDALL MOREY.
 SADIE NELSON NORCROSS.
 KATIE MARION NORRIS.
 FRED. PIERCE.
 WALTER WILLIAM ROBBINS.
 GEORGE NICHOLS SARGENT.
 ROSE MAY SILVER.
 BERTHA LELAND SMITH.
 ABBIE ISABELLE TINKHAM.
 CARRIE DELIA VINTON.
 MINNIE EVA WHITFORD.
 DAVID HARVEY WOODWARD.
 WILLIAM HANSON WOODWMAN.

ALBERT SYDNEY LOVETT.

MUSIC.

This important branch of knowledge has continued under the instruction of Mr. Whiting, who has manifested the same zeal and fidelity with which he began his work in our schools over three years ago. While laboring under one disadvantage, which somewhat interferes with perfection in teaching, he has accomplished all that could reasonably be expected. The small salary of \$300, we believe, has been thoroughly earned.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The number of pupils now enrolled is eight hundred and eighty-six, being a gain of fifty-five over that of one year ago. The greatest increase has been in the First Grammar, which now numbers eighty-one, against sixty-two at the beginning of the year. The Highland has also increased from forty to forty-nine, and a few others have gained

a little, while two or three have somewhat diminished. The diminution was partly caused by the formation of another Fourth Grammar at the beginning of September, which happily relieved the overflow of the three Intermediate Schools. There have been made, after mature examination, two or three changes in text books. The Eclectic History of the United States, a concise and finely illustrated book, with very clear type, has been adopted for use in the First and Second Grammar grades. There have also been furnished for these lower schools suitable appliances for teaching the metric system. In the High School, by the advice of the teacher in ancient languages, White's Greek Lessons have been substituted for Leighton's, which had been in use for several years. A new Music Reader, especially adapted to the pupils of this school, after strong recommendation by a sub-committee, was finally adopted. These changes have given much satisfaction to teachers and scholars, and are believed to be in the line of true progression. While it is not wise to have frequent changes of text books, it is quite as unwise to ignore what is found to be truest and best for no other reason than avoiding a little extra expense. It is poor economy to work with ill-constructed and antiquated tools, when superior ones are to be found in the open market.

CLOSING WORD.

As the Chairman by limitation of office gladly retires in a few weeks from the work of the School Board, he can but hope his official mantle will fall upon a more competent person. Bearing cheerful testimony to the fidelity of his co-workers, present and past, and to their uniform kindness and friendship, he will ever hold them in grateful remembrance. For the best advancement and prosperity of the schools of Melrose, he will not cease to be deeply interested.

TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1883.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum number from Jan. 1 to July 1.	Average attendance during the same time.	Maximum number from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1, 1883.	Average attendance during the same time.	Number of Pupils, Jan. 1, 1883.	Per cent. of attendance for the year.	Average age Jan. 1, 1883.	
							Yrs.	Mos.
HIGH, First Class.....	13	12.5	17	16.5	17	97.3	16	10
Second Class.....	13	10.7	17	15.4	15	96.9	16	8
Third Class.....	33	29.7	27	26.1	26	96.4	15	3
Fourth Class.....	36	35.1	32	30.9	31	96.0	14	9
Totals.....	95	88.	93	88.9	89	96.	15	10
First Grammar.....	61	50.	81	74.6	81	94.2	14	6
Second " Emerson Street..	50	43.5	45	42.3	44	95.8	13	
Second " Centre.....	43	36.2	50	45.1	47	90.6	12	1
Third " Emerson Street..	53	46.6	36	31.5	35	93.7	12	5
Third " Centre.....	54	48.	45	41.	45	95.	12	
Fourth " Centre.....	46	37.8	43	36.4	46	90.5	11	6
Fourth " Boardman Hall.. (New school).			45	40.	44	94.5	11	
Intermediate, Town Hall.....	38	31.8	41	36.4	41	92.5	8	9
Intermediate, Vinton Street.....	43	36.4	36	32.6	36	91.1	9	3
Intermediate, Lynde Street.....	43	35.8	50	42.7	49	92.7	9	9
Green Street (upper school).....	49	38.9	44	37.2	42	91.	11	6
Green Street (lower school).....	43	32.9	47	42.2	44	85.7	7	
Highlands (mixed).....	48	38.1	49	42.1	49	89.1	7	
Upham Street (mixed).....	28	23.8	23	19.6	21	89.7	8	
Primary, Centre.....	62	51.3	61	57.	60	90.	6	9
Primary, Lynde Street.....	61	44.5	60	51.	56	89.1	6	8
Primary, Vinton Street.....	65	45.	64	53.5	57	96.	6	6
Totals.....	882	728.6	913	814.	886	92.4		

The following Statistics will interest many of our citizens. The Table is made up from the School Reports of 1881.

	STONEHAM.	MELROSE.	MALDEN.
Money raised for schools.....	\$11,750.00	\$12,500.00	\$32,800.00
Money raised for contingent.....	1,500.00	1,700.00	5,500.00
Expended for heating.....	1,340.00	725.00	1,744.00
Salaries of Janitors.....	860.00	900.00	2,158.00
Salaries of three Com., six Com., and Supt.....	400.00	325.00	2,200.00
Salaries of Principals of High Schools.....	1,550.00	1,600.00	1,750.00
Salaries of First Assistants.....	500.00	800.00	800.00
Salaries of Second Assistants.....	500.00	500.00	(3 each) 600.00
Salaries of Principal of First Gram. School...	485.00	750.00	1,100.00
Highest Salaries of other Teachers.....	475.00	550.00	900.00
Lowest salaries of other Teachers.....	200.00	450.00	400.00
Full amount of salaries in High Schools.....	2,750.00	2,900.00	4,350.00
Cost per pupil in High School.....	41.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	30.20 $\frac{1}{2}$	40.65 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average cost per pupil in all the schools.....	13.24 $\frac{1}{2}$	12.38	15.37
Number of children from 5 to 15 years of age	860	919	2,160
Average daily attendance.....	715	775	1,643
Per cent. of attendance for the year..	92	93.2	89.2
Number of pupils in the High School.....	62	96	107
Number of Graduates from High School.....	6	13	16
Number of Teachers in each town.....	23	22	48

NOTE.—It will be seen that the cost in Malden is nearly \$3 per pupil more than in Melrose. That amount saved on eight hundred and fourteen pupils (our average number the past year) makes a sum, after discounting a fraction, of over \$2,430. Possibly, by securing a good superintendent and expending this additional amount of money per year, our schools would reach a standard that would satisfy our most exalted critics. It will also be noted that both in Stoneham and Malden the expense per pupil in each High School is over \$10 more than in Melrose. Another fact may be noted in regard to Stoneham: For heating the same or a less number of schoolrooms the expense was \$1,340, or \$575 more than with us. This large difference is partly explained by the fact that in the High School building of Stoneham they had substituted steam heat for furnace heat. In their Report, the Committee say: "From twelve to fifteen hundred pounds of coal have been used in a day, and sometimes more."

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

I. The school year shall consist of forty weeks, beginning the first Monday in September.

II. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted: Every Saturday; Thanksgiving Day and the remainder of the week; Christmas week; one week, beginning the third Monday in February; one week, beginning the fourth Monday in April; the weeks between the close of summer term and the beginning of the school year; all legal holidays.

III. The daily session of the High School shall begin at 8.30 o'clock A.M., and close at 1.30 o'clock P.M., from December to May; and for the rest of the year it shall begin at 8 o'clock A.M., and close at 1 o'clock P.M. There shall be two recesses,—one of twenty minutes, the other of ten minutes.

The hours for keeping school, except the High School, shall be from 9 o'clock A.M. until 12 M., with a recess of twenty minutes; and from 2 P.M. until 4 P.M., with a recess of ten minutes in Primary and Intermediate Schools. No variation from these hours shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee. On very stormy days in winter the schools may hold one session and close at 1 o'clock P.M.; except Primary, which may close at 12 o'clock.

IV. In case of stormy weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit forenoon or afternoon sessions, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before 8 A.M. or a quarter before 12 M.

V. Teachers shall be in their schoolrooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the schools, admitting pupils, beginning promptly at the hours specified.

VI. Teachers shall hear all recitations.

VII. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule. But for the purpose of observing modes of discipline and instruction, teachers may visit other schools to the extent of one half-day each term, at such times as may be arranged between them and the sub-committee of the respective schools.

VIII. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

IX. Teachers shall not detain pupils after the close of the morning session.

X. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils for violent or pointed opposition to authority, informing the parent or guardian and the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

XI. "The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned."* A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

XII. It shall be the duty of the teacher to report at once, in writing, to the Chairman of Committee every case of corporal punishment; which report shall state the name and age of the pupil, the amount of punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

XIII. It shall be the duty of all the teachers to give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their schoolrooms.

XIV. No teacher shall contract a bill for repairs on any school buildings, furniture, or grounds, or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the Town.

XV. In case of absence, tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the session, a written excuse from the parent or guardian shall be required. The younger classes in Primary Schools are to be dismissed at recess. All cases of habitual truancy shall be reported to the Committee.

XVI. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a permit from some one of the Committee, who will require satis-

* Revised Statutes.

factory evidence that the child is five years of age, and has been vaccinated; and no pupil will be admitted to any of the Primary Schools except during the first two weeks of each term, unless qualified to enter existing classes.

XVII. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the Committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the Committee, and the Town Assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to town agent must have the name of parent or guardian. Books furnished indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

XVIII. Pupils absent one month, except on account of sickness, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee.

XIX. No non-resident child, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the town, shall be received or retained in any school, except with the consent of the School Committee, who may require parent or guardian of such child to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child is instructed there.

XX. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring school houses, school furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the Committee deem proper.

XXI. Pupils are not allowed in school yards after school hours, or during vacations or holidays; are not allowed in other school yards than their own at any time, unless sent with messages. No pupil shall be permitted to leave the school yard at recess, except with permission of the teacher.

XXII. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in any of the schools without the consent of the Committee.

XXIII. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

XXIV. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep and dust each schoolroom and entry twice every week; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and

November ; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary ; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter ; close gates when schools are not in session ; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property ; prepare and put in the coal and wood, and practice rigid economy in its use, and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

Janitors shall not contract a bill for repairs on any of the school buildings, furniture, or grounds ; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town, unless authorized by the Committee.

WARRANT
FOR
TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 5, 1883.
12 M.

WARRANT.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Melrose, in
the County of Middlesex: GREETING.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of MELROSE, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, on Monday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1883, at 12 o'clock M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz. :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes, on one ballot, for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, Public Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, Auditors and Constables. Upon a separate ballot, to bring in their votes, for two members of the School Committee, for three years. To bring in their votes, also upon a separate ballot, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town." Form of ballots to be "YES" or "No."
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To raise money for Schools.
6. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
7. To raise money for Highways.
8. To raise money for Sidewalks.
9. To raise money for Crossings and Gutters.
10. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
11. To raise money for the Fire Department.
12. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lamps.
13. To raise money for Additional Street Lamps.
14. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen.
15. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
16. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
17. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.
18. To raise money for the Public Library.
19. To raise money for Water, maintenance and use of same.
20. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all Officers and Committees elected or appointed by the Town.

21. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.
22. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.
23. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.
24. To see if the Town will appropriate a further sum of money for the drainage of Otis Street, on petition of R. F. Maxwell and others.
25. To raise money for the building of the extension of Foster Street, as laid out and accepted.
26. To see if the Town will accept a Street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Melrose Street, northerly to Franklin Street, and raise money for the building of the same.
27. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association lands (so called) now known as Second Street, and raise money for the building of the same.
28. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association lands (so called) now known as Third Street, and raise money for the building of the same.
29. To see if the Town will build a School House on land recently purchased by the Town, on Franklin Street, Highlands, and raise or appropriate money for the same, on petition of J. G. Taylor and others.
30. To see what action the Town will take in the matter of ventilating the Town Hall, and raise money therefor if necessary, on petition of John W. Farwell and others.
31. To see if the Town will build a Sidewalk on Main Street, from Masonic Hall, Wyoming, to Malden line and appropriate or raise money for the same, on petition of Henry Barron and others.
32. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting..

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of Public Worship, and at the Depots, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

DANIEL NORTON, JR.	} Selectmen of Melrose.
HENRY G. FIELDS.	
JOSEPH F. BOYD.	

A true Copy. Attest,

A. B. PIERCE, Constable.

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE

FOR THE

Financial Year ending December 31, 1883.

MELROSE:

PRINTED BY THOMAS W. RIPLEY.

1884.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1883—84.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

DANIEL NORTON, JR. JOSEPH F. BOYD.* HENRY G. FIELDS.

Town Clerk.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Treasurer.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

Collector.

JONATHAN C. HOWES.

Assessors.

GEORGE C. STANTIAL. HENRY A. LEONARD.
DEXTER PRATT.

Water Commissioners.

JOSEPH D. WILDE, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	.	Term expires 1884.
W. IRVING ELLIS	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1885.
WILBUR D. FISKE	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1886.

Commissioners of Water Loan Sinking Fund.

DANIEL RUSSELL, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	.	Term expires 1884.
ROYAL P. BARRY	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1885.
JOHN W. FARWELL	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1886.

School Committee.

CLIFTON FLETCHER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	.	Term expires 1886.
LEVI W. GILMAN (resigned)	.	.	.	.	
JULIUS S. CLARK, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1885.
MRS. MARTHA A. ADAMS	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1886.
MRS. SARAH W. BRADBURY	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1884.
MRS. A. K. MILLER	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1885.
THOMAS W. RIPLEY	.	.	.	.	„ „ 1884.

Trustees of the Public Library.

FREDERICK KIDDER.	ELBRIDGE H. GOSS.
CHARLES C. BARRY.	HANNAH LYNDE.

* Deceased.

Auditors.

JOHN R. NORTON.

GILBERT N. HARRIS.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

Constables.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

Representative in the General Court.

WINGATE P. SARGENT.

Engineers of the Fire Department.F. EDWARD HOWE, *Chief*.L. FRANK HINCKLEY, *Clerk*.

DEXTER PRATT.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal.

SETH E. BENSON.

JAMES D. LITTLEFIELD.*

Surveyor of Lumber.

HENRY A. LEONARD.

Committee on Cemeteries.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

DANIEL RUSSELL.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Fence Viewers.

DEXTER PRATT.

GEORGE P. FULLER.

Field Drivers.

OTIS HOWARD.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

Pound Keeper.

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

Police Officers.

A. B. PIERCE.

CHARLES T. STEVENS.

H. B. NEWHALL.

HENRY ROBINSON.

JAMES E. SPEAR.

A. WILBUR LYNDE.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

ARTHUR C. TAPLEY.

GEORGE CAMPBELL.

GEORGE H. PUTNEY.

FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN.

* Deceased.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen present their customary Report for the financial year ending December 31st, 1883. The departments coming under their immediate supervision will be found under their appropriate headings.

EXPENDITURE FOR POOR.

The whole number of those who have received more or less aid during the year is one hundred and thirteen. Of this number, twelve have received full support for the whole or a part of the year, and one hundred and one have been aided temporarily.

There are ten in the hospitals for the insane, which is a larger number than was ever before reported. One of these has reimbursed the town in full, and another in part, — leaving \$138.83 remaining in the assets to be collected.

Of those temporarily aided, seventy-six have their settlements in this town. The other twenty-five belong to the State, or cities and towns which have either reimbursed or from whom bills are now due.

The whole number of vagrants lodged in the lock-up for the year is eighty-seven.

There has been an unusual amount of sickness, both in the *inside* and the *outside* relief departments, which, with the excess of the insane, has made the expense to exceed our calculations when making up the appropriations for the year. While we regret that an overdraft renders a deficiency vote necessary, we beg to remind our citizens that this, in common with other departments of our town affairs, is likely to become of increased magnitude and importance with the rapid growth of a population like our own.

HIGHWAYS, NEW STREETS, AND DRAINAGE.

Previous to the death of our associate, General Boyd, the streets, sidewalks, bridges, etc., were under his immediate control, James Marshall acting as Superintendent over the workmen.

The largest amount of labor performed upon any one street was upon our main thoroughfare, from Wyoming Avenue to Malden line, about 1,000 loads of gravel being used.

The remainder of the highway appropriation has been expended for repairing and keeping in order the streets throughout the town ; with the exception of \$150 paid for drain-pipe, which would have been charged to the drainage account had we not been obliged to expend that appropriation entire for the replacing of old and the making of new drains. In our judgment, whenever drain-pipe can be used, it will be, in the end, economy for the town to lay the same in preference to wooden drains, which soon decay, fall in, and cause much labor and expense to renew and repair. The pipe referred to was purchased at a very low price.

Perkins Street and Leeds Street were built, and First, Second, and Third Streets were completed as far as accepted by the town ; labor being performed under supervision of Mr. Boyd.

The sidewalk on Main Street, from house of Warren Lynde to the new street leading to the Rubber Factory, was built within the appropriation, and the balance remaining was expended for lumber for the fence running parallel with the same. Over 2,000 loads of gravel were furnished by Hon. E. S. Converse without expense to the town. The amount paid to the Boston Rubber Shoe Co. was for the alterations made in Washington Street, near their factory, by order of the County Commissioners, which sum we were authorized by your vote to pay. The expense was much less than it could possibly have been had we undertaken to contract for or to build the same.

SIDEWALKS, CROSSINGS, AND GUTTERS.

We are pleased to report that applications for concrete sidewalks, to be laid as per vote of the Town, continue to be presented. We have inserted in the warrant an article for your consideration as to the propriety of the Town paying a part of the expense of placing granite curbing on the sidewalk line opposite estates.

STREET LIGHTS.

The lamps have been lighted in the same manner and by the same Company as in previous years. We have often been requested to furnish gas-lights on those streets where gas-pipes are laid. Should the Town favor this project, a larger appropriation would be required than heretofore. Five lamps have been added during the year.

POLICE.

Early in the year we appointed George Campbell and Frank N. McLaughlin members of the force. Upon the resignation of Mr. A. B. Pierce (who had faithfully served for many years), we appointed Mr. Campbell as night-watchman, and Mr. McLaughlin as Chief of Police. They have both exercised good judgment, and discharged their duties with ability and promptness.

PERAMBULATION.

October 27, 1883, we met the Selectmen of the town of Wakefield, and perambulated the lines between the towns. We found the bounds in their proper places, and in good condition.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

State and military aid have been disbursed to persons entitled, and the amounts so paid have been approved each month by the Hon. Commissioners of State Aid.

Rent for Battery "C" has been paid, and refunded to the Town by the State.

The Fire Department has been economically managed, and its members have responded promptly when called upon.

Through the efforts of the School Committee, aided by counsel, a claim against the Town of Stoneham for the education of pupils in the Highland School has been paid.

The Town debt has been diminished by the payment of notes amounting to five thousand dollars.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

In closing this report, it is fitting that we express our high appreciation of the services rendered this Town by our lamented associate, General Joseph F. Boyd, who passed away Aug. 18, 1883, in the eightieth year of his age. Possessed of the most sterling integrity, and endowed by nature with great physical and mental activity, he zealously gave to your service an invaluable experience, gathered during a long and highly honorable career. General Boyd became a citizen of this town in 1869, and during the past five years was a member of this board. Most of his life was spent in Charlestown, where his public life embraced the various offices of Assessor, Selectman, Councilman, Alderman,

and Representative to the General Court. He was also Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, Captain of three different military organizations, and Adjutant-General of the Commonwealth under Governor Morton; in all of which positions he served with credit and distinction. His death creates a vacancy not easily filled.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL NORTON, JR.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

Annual Meeting, March 5, 1883. 12 M.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE WARRANT. To choose a Moderator.

Levi S. Gould chosen.

ART. 2. To bring in votes for Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and other officers; votes for two School Committee to be on a separate ballot.

To bring in votes, also upon a separate ballot, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be "YES" or "No."

Voted, That the officers elected by ballot this day, shall consist of three Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors, one Clerk, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, three Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, five Library Trustees, three Auditors, two Constables, and two School Committee for three years.

Polls opened.

Voted, That the transaction of town business, other than voting for officers, be postponed to 7.30 P. M.

Voted, To close the polls at 5.15 P. M.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.—Daniel Norton, Jr., Henry G. Fields, Joseph F. Boyd. *Town Clerk*—John Larrabee. *Town Treasurer*—George Newhall. *Collector of Taxes*—Jonathan C. Howes. *Assessors*—George C. Stantial, Henry A. Leonard, Dexter Pratt. *Water Commissioner for Three Years*—Wilbur D. Fiske. *Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for Three Years*—Royal P. Barry. *Auditors*—John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Gilbert N. Harris. *Constables*—Ansel B. Pierce, Joseph Holbrook. *Trustees of the Public Library*—Frederic Kidder, Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Hannah Lynde, Addie A. Nichols. *School Committee*—Clifton Fletcher, Martha A. Adams, for three years.

LICENSE QUESTION.

“ Yes,” twenty-two votes (22) ; “ No,” one hundred and eighty votes (180).

Adjourned Meeting, March 5, 1883. 7.30 P. M.

ART. 4. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal—Seth E. Benson, James D. Littlefield. *Surveyor of Lumber*—Henry A. Leonard. *Committee on Cemeteries*—George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee. *Field Drivers*—Otis Howard, H. B. Newhall, Frank Gibbons, Samuel Lear, W. Truman Howard. *Fence Viewers*—Dexter Pratt, George P. Fuller. *Sealer of Weights and Measures*—A. B. Pierce.

Report of Committee on Appropriations read and accepted.

ART. 4. Laid on table.

ART. 5. To raise money for schools.

Voted, To raise fourteen thousand five hundred dollars for the support of schools.

ART. 6. To raise money for school contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise two thousand three hundred dollars for school contingent expenses.

ART. 7. To raise money for highways.

Voted, To raise three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars for highways.

Voted, That two thirds of the sum raised be expended before May 30, 1883.

ART. 8. To raise money for sidewalks.

Voted, To raise one thousand dollars for sidewalks, said sum to be expended for concrete walks, under direction of the Selectmen, according to provisions of laws accepted by the Town, relating to sidewalks.

ART. 9. To raise money for crossings and gutters.

Voted, To raise five hundred dollars for concrete crossings and gutters.

ART. 10. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Voted, To raise four thousand dollars for the support of the poor.

ART. 11. To raise money for the Fire Department.

Voted, To raise two thousand dollars for the expenses of the Fire Department.

ART. 12. To raise money for the lighting and care of street lamps.

Voted, To raise fifteen hundred dollars for the lighting and care of street lamps.

ART. 13. To raise money for additional street lamps.

Voted, To raise one hundred dollars for additional street lamps.

ART. 14. To raise money to pay watchmen and policemen.

Voted, To raise one thousand dollars for police and night watch.

ART. 15. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise nine hundred dollars for contingent expenses.

ART. 16. To raise money to pay interest on the Town debt.

Voted, To raise six thousand three hundred dollars to pay interest on the Town debt.

ART. 17. To raise money for the reduction of the Town debt.

Voted, To raise five thousand dollars for the reduction of the Town debt.

ART. 18. To raise money for the Public Library.

Voted, To raise eight hundred dollars, and to appropriate the dog tax when received, for the Public Library.

ART. 19. To raise money for water, maintenance and use of same.

Voted, To raise two thousand dollars for the use of water, hydrants, etc.

ART. 20. To raise money for salaries of Town officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.

Voted, That the salaries of town officers be the same as paid last year, with the exception of salary of Treasurer, which shall be fixed at three hundred dollars.

Voted, To raise eighteen hundred dollars for the payment of salaries.

ART. 21. To raise money for drainage, bridges, and culverts.

Voted, To raise one hundred and fifty dollars for drainage, bridges, and culverts.

ART. 22. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses of the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise for deficiencies five thousand four hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-one cents; viz.: for water, cost of constructing works, 1882, \$4,685.28; balance of cost in 1881, \$7; total, \$4,692.28; for military aid, 1882, \$398; Town Hall account, \$403.43.

Voted, To raise two hundred dollars for removing snow.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments.

ART. 23. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

Voted, That all taxes be made payable on or before Oct. 1, 1883, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of six per centum per annum. That all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1884, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate a further sum of money for the drainage of Otis Street, on petition of R. F. Maxwell and others.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone.

Voted, To adjourn to Tuesday evening, March 13, 1883, at 7.30 P. M.

Adjourned Meeting, March 13, 1883, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 25. To raise money for the building of the extension of Foster Street, as laid out and accepted.

Voted, To postpone indefinitely.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Melrose Street, northerly to Franklin Street, and raise money for the building of the same.

Voted, To postpone indefinitely.

ART. 27 and ART. 28. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association lands (so called), now known as Second Street, and raise money for the building of the same.

To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Lebanon Street, easterly, over Home Association lands (so called), now known as Third Street, and raise money for the building of the same.

Voted, To accept Second and Third Streets, as laid out by the Selectmen Oct. 28, 1882.

Voted, To raise five hundred and fifty dollars, said sum to be expended, during April and May, in repairs upon Second and Third Streets, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will build a school-house on land recently purchased by the Town, on Franklin Street, Highlands, and raise or appropriate money for the same, on petition of J. G. Taylor and others.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to procure plans and estimates, so far as may be necessary for the information of the Town, for a school-house to be built on lot of land recently purchased by the Town, on Franklin Street, Highlands, at a cost not exceeding eight thousand dollars; committee to report to Town at meeting in November.

Committee chosen.—Joel Snow, Rufus A. White, W. Irving Ellis, William Boynton, Clifton Fletcher.

ART. 4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted unanimously, To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in such sums, and on such terms, and for such time, as may be found for the interest of the Town, as a temporary loan in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, which loan is hereby made payable from such taxes,—the amount borrowed not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars at any one time.

ART. 30. To see what action the Town will take in the matter of ventilating the Town Hall, and raise money therefor if necessary, on petition of John W. Farwell and others.

Voted, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated, and that the Selectmen be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding that amount, for improving the ventilation of the Town Hall.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will build a sidewalk on Main Street, from Masonic Hall, Wyoming, to Malden line, and appropriate or raise money for the same, on petition of Henry Barron and others.

Voted, That the sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars be raised and expended, under the direction of the Selectmen, for the build-

ing of a sidewalk on Main Street, from Masonic Hall, Wyoming, to Malden line, walk to be built of gravel or other material.

ART. 32. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Voted, That the sums received during the year 1882 as bank and corporation tax, be appropriated toward the payment of debt incurred for school building at Wyoming.

Report of Selectmen concerning guide-boards, received and accepted.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1883.

March 5.

Schools, support of	\$14,500 00
School contingent expenses	2,300 00
Highways	3,650 00
Crossings and gutters	500 00
Sidewalks	1,000 00
Poor, support of	4,000 00
Fire Department	2,000 00
Street lights	1,500 00
Additional street lamps	100 00
Police and night watchmen	1,000 00
Contingent expenses	900 00
Interest on Town debt	6,300 00
Reduction of "	5,000 00
Public Library	800 00
Water, use of	2,000 00
Salaries, Town officers	1,800 00
Drainage, bridges, and culverts	150 00
Deficiencies in accounts	5,493 71
Removing snow	200 00

March 13.

Second and Third Streets, building of	\$550 00
Town Hall, ventilating of	150 00
Sidewalk, Main Street	950 00
	\$54,843 71

Sums appropriated Nov. 15, 1882, for the building of First, Perkins, and Leeds Streets, were by vote directed to be assessed in taxes of 1883.

Meeting, Tuesday, November 6, 1883, 7 A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in votes for State and county officers.

Vote, as declared in open town meeting, was as follows:—

For Governor.

	<i>Votes.</i>
George D. Robinson of Chicopee	622
Benjamin F. Butler of Lowell	377
Charles Almy of New Bedford	10

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton	641
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield	360
John Blackmer of Springfield	6
Chas. R. Codman of Boston	1
Charles Almy of New Bedford	1
George Dutton of Boston	1

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	649
Charles Marsh of Springfield	354
Solomon F. Root of Douglass	6
A. B. Brown of Worcester	1

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford	648
Charles H. Ingalls of North Adams	355
Thomas J. Lothrop of Taunton	6
Washington Wendell of Orange	1

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield	648
John Hopkins of Millbury	355
Jonathan Buck of Gloucester	6
Geo. W. Kimball of Natick	1

For Attorney-General.

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence	647
John W. Cummings of Fall River	355
Samuel A. Fairfield of Malden	6
Charles A. Taber of Lynn	1

For District Attorney — Northern District.

William B. Stevens of Stoneham	631
Samuel K. Hamilton of Wakefield	372
B. F. Briggs of Stoneham	5

For Sheriff.

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell	1003
Edgar Hemmenway of Framingham	5

Sheriff, for unexpired term.

Henry G. Cushing of Lowell	14
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For County Commissioner.

William S. Frost of Marlborough	648
Lewis P. True of Everett	355
W. W. Sherman of Lowell	5

For Special (County) Commissioners.

Leander M. Hannum of Cambridge	648
Edward E. Thompson of Woburn	634
Edward T. Thompson of Woburn	14
Samuel Staples of Concord	355
Sylvanus Pond of Holliston	355
C. B. Travis of Natick	5
J. W. Barber of Sherburn	5

For Register of Probate and Insolvency.

Joseph H. Tyler of Winchester	1003
John Hall of Watertown	5

For Commissioners of Insolvency.

Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell	648
John Haskell Butler of Somerville	648
Clark A. Batchelder of Ayer	648
Clement Meserve of Hopkinton	355
John H. Ponce of Cambridge	355
Edward B. Quinn of Lowell	355
J. W. Bathford of Newton	5
E. B. Saunders of Natick	5
A. D. Norton of Framingham	5

For Councillor — Sixth District.

James W. Bennett of Lowell	646
Charles S. Lilley of Lowell	356
Amos Cummings of Woburn	5

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

Onslow Gilmore of Stoneham	630
William F. Young of Wakefield	370
Ammi Cutter of Stoneham	5

For Representative to the General Court, Ninth Middlesex District.

Wingate P. Sargent of Melrose	615
Charles W. Ellison of Melrose	389
John W. Farwell of Melrose	1

Meeting adjourned to Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1883, 7.30 P. M.

Adjourned Meeting, Nov. 13, 1883. 7.30 P. M.

ART. 2. To choose a Moderator to preside for the transaction of Town business.

Levi S. Gould unanimously chosen.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to ascertain the cost of a new water main from Spot Pond, also the cost of a new gate-house at the pond, and report at the next town meeting.

Voted, That the Board of Water Commissioners, with John W. Farwell and Royal P. Barry, be a committee to ascertain the cost of a new water main from Spot Pond, also the cost of a new gate-house at the pond, — to report, with recommendations, to next Annual Meeting.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will build the extension of Foster Street, as laid out and accepted, and authorize the Treasurer to borrow money for the same, on petition of Artemas Barrett and others.

Voted, To postpone indefinitely.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Upham Street to Emerson Street, over land of George Lynde, the same being an extension of Rowe Street; also, to see if the Town will accept an alteration of the lines of Rowe Street north of Emerson Street.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, and that it be called Rowe Street.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept a street as laid out by the Selectmen, leading from Upham Street, northerly, and parallel with Bellevue Avenue.

Voted, To accept the street as laid out, and that it be called Emerald Street.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to examine and report at the next Annual Meeting the amounts necessary to be raised to meet the expenses of the ensuing year.

Voted, That John B. Souther, F. S. Hesseltine, Rufus A. White, N. P. Jones, Moses Briggs, Seth E. Benson, Augustus Barrett, N. D. Blake, H. H. Westgate, and E. R. Cleaveland be a committee to ascertain what amounts it will be necessary to raise to meet current expenses of the ensuing year, and report at Annual Meeting in March next.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will build a sidewalk on Tremont Street, from Franklin Street to Emerson Street, and borrow money for the same.

Indefinitely postponed.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take to provide school accommodations for that part of the town in the vicinity of the Rubber Works.

Voted, That Clifton Fletcher, N. D. Blake, and George H. Dearborn be a committee to consider, examine, and report, with recommendations, to next meeting.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will erect a drinking-fountain for horses, that can be of use in winter, to be located on Main Street, near the Town Hall, on petition of Francis Bennett and 23 others.

Voted, That Moses Briggs, Daniel Norton, Jr., and Henry G. Fields, be a committee to investigate and report, with recommendations, to next meeting, as to feasibility of providing such a convenience.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised.

Jury List as Accepted.

Allen, William H.
Barrett, Artemas
Barrett, David A.
Bennett, Francis
Bryant, Dexter
Buffum, John
Church, Asa
Close, Emery
Cobb, Hiram
Cochran, Nelson
Dill, Jesse A.
Eastman, Joseph S.
Elliott, J. Maxwell
Emery, Salter
Faxon, Gustavus A.
Fernald, James H.
Fuller, George P.
Hayward, Paul
Heath, Augustus H.
Jones, John R.
Lear, Samuel

Lunt, Alfred T.
Lynde, Andrew
McLaughlin, Frank
Moore, Eugene H.
Marshall, Everett M.
Nickerson, Lemuel
Prentice, Charles
Remick, William A.
Reynolds, George W.
Sewall, John S.
Sprague, Samuel
Stewart, William H.
Taylor, Fernando C.
Upham, Benjamin R.
Valentine, Charles F.
Ward, Joseph H.
White, Ira J.
Wiley, Henry E.
Wood, Joseph
Withey, James L.

ART. 12. To hear and act upon the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Report of Assessors appointed as a committee to settle with J. R. Jones, collector of taxes for years 1878 and 1879, read and accepted.

Report of Committee on school-house at the Highlands read and accepted.

Voted, To adjourn sine die.

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

	<i>Births.</i>	<i>Marriages.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
January	14	5	6
February	11	5	8
March	8	7	10
April	4	4	5
May	10	6	2
June	8	5	4
July	8	4	6
August	15	—	12
September	8	5	6
October	17	7	5
November	9	8	8
December	16	2	6
	128	58	78

BIRTHS.

Number registered	128
Males	65
Females	63
	—128

Of the above number 122 were born in Melrose and 6 were born in other places.

Born of American parents	88
of foreign parents	26
of American father and foreign mother	10
of foreign father and American mother	4
	—128

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	57
Both parties residing in Melrose	28
But one party residing in Melrose	29
	—57

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	58
More than last year	6
Both parties American	43
Both parties foreign	9
Parties American and foreign	6
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	58
First marriage of persons	103
Second marriage of persons	13
	—
	116 — 58 couples.

DEATHS.

Whole number registered	78
Less than last year	4
Had residence elsewhere	6
Males (married)	17
Females (married)	13
Widows	7
Widowers	4
Males (single)	8
Females (single)	3
Male children	16
Female children	10
	— 78
Under one year (still-born or premature birth, 6)	19
From 1 to 5	5
5 " 10	1
10 " 20	4
20 " 30	8
30 " 40	4
40 " 50	2
50 " 60	6
60 " 70	9
70 " 80	12
80 " 90	7
Over 90	1
	— 78

Oldest person, Mr. Timothy Howe, aged 91 years 7 months.

American parentage	60
Foreign parentage	14
Mixed parentage	4
	— 78

Jurors drawn during Year.

Seth E. Benson, Grand Juror.

Mch. 15—George W. Farnsworth. George F. Boardman.
 Pliny Edson. Alfred Bicknell.

May 26 — George W. Dew. George P. Fuller.
 George A. Safford. John Miller.

Oct. 2 — Isaac D. Woodbury. Royal B. Leighton.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year 1883—220 males and 27 females ; total, 247.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by law, \$525.60.

ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer—1,763, for the sum of \$51,711.29.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JANUARY 1, 1884.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

High School.

Alonzo G. Whitman, one year . . .	\$1,600 00	
Emma A. J. Bugbee, " . . .	800 00	
Annette E. Clark, " . . .	500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2,900 00

Grammar Schoools.

FIRST.

Harriet C. Fairbanks, eight weeks . . .	\$150 00	
" " thirty-two weeks . . .	640 00	
Charlotte A. Bishop, one year . . .	500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,290 00

SECOND. (EMERSON ST)

Lucy W. Bisbee, one year	\$550 00
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SECOND. (CENTRE.)

C. E. Sewall, 24 weeks	\$330 00	
Julia M. Porter, 13 weeks	178 75	
Alice M. Swett, 3 weeks	41 25	
	<u> </u>	\$550 00

THIRD. (EMERSON ST.)

Susan D. Melcher, one year	\$550 00
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THIRD. (CENTRE.)

Helen J. Barrett, one year	\$550 00
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FOURTH. (CENTRE.)

Mary J. George, one year	\$500 00
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FOURTH. (GROVE ST.)

Kate W. Bascom, one year	\$500 00
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Intermediate and Mixed Schools.

Lydia Mendum (Green St.), 8 weeks,	\$100 00	
“ “ “ 32 “	420 00	
Alice H. Long (Vinton St.), 8 weeks,	90 00	
“ “ “ 32 “	380 00	
Effie C. Sweetser (Lynde St.), one year,	450 00	
Alice B. Woodruff (Highlands), 26 weeks,	292 50	
C. E. Sewall “ 14 “	157 50	
Ella F. Norris (Grove St.), one year,	450 00	
C. L. Hollis (Upham St.), “	450 00	
		\$2,790 00

Primary Schools.

Alice M. Swett (Lynde St.), 37 weeks,	\$416 25	
Mary E. Whitcomb “ 3 “	33 75	
Hannah F. Lewis (Centre), 8 weeks,	90 00	
“ “ “ 32 “	380 00	
Hannah K. Harden (Green St.), one year,	450 00	
Lucy F. Dermot (Vinton St.), “	450 00	
Mary I. Hersey (Grove St.), 16 weeks,	180 00	
		\$2,000 00

Music.

C. E. Whiting, one year	\$300 00
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JANITORS' SALARIES.

Frank McLaughlin (High School Building),	\$275 04	
Charles T. Stevens (Centre) . . .	204 07	
Samuel Sprague (Town Hall) . . .	29 19	
Joseph W. Simonds (Green St.) . . .	99 96	
Benjamin Stones (Vinton St.) . . .	99 96	
William F. Serrat (Lynde St.) . . .	99 96	
Eri Upham (Upham St.)	50 04	
John Singer (Highlands)	50 04	
Charles F. Valentine (Grove St.) . . .	80 19	
		\$988 45

SCHOOL COMMITTEES' SALARIES, 1882-83.

Clifton Fletcher, Chairman	\$75 00	
Julius S. Clark	50 00	
Levi W. Gilman	50 00	
Sarah W. Bradbury	50 00	
Martha A. Adams	50 00	
Arethusa K. Miller	50 00	
Levi W. Gilman, 6 mos. (1883) . . .	25 00	
		\$350 00

FUEL.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal . . .	\$914 30	
J. McCarthy & Sons, charcoal . . .	27 00	
John McCarthy " . . .	3 25	
		\$944 55

RECAPITULATION.

Teacher's salaries	\$12,480 00
Janitors' "	988 45
Committees' "	350 00
	\$13,818 45
Fuel	944 55
	\$14,763 00

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$14,500 00
Balance from last year	250 69
Received from State	191 66
Received for tuition of children—Morse, of Greenwood	6 00
Town of Stoneham	450 66
	\$15,399 01
Balance unexpended	\$636 01
	\$15,399 01

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation	\$2,300 00
Balance from last year	60 49
	\$2,360 49
Received from C. A. Eastman Agent, for school books sold	839 66
Hugh Colligan, unexpired lease of Boardman's Hall	7 00
	\$3,207 15

EXPENDED.

General Repairs, Buildings, Grounds, etc.

Benjamin Ames, stock and labor	\$123 11
David R. Woodward, stock and labor	77 63
E. N. Sargent, " "	1 85
William Fanley, " "	1 26
A. E. Upham, steps to Upham St. building	34 00
E. P. J. Morton, wire screens to Grove St. building	50 65
Calvin Varney, whitening Vinton St. building	15 00
Albon W. Parker, painting, graining, and glazing	204 27
George W. Dew, "	11 60
J. A. Swasey, 980 ft. blackboard surface	78 40
J. C. Howes, repairing furnaces, stoves, etc.	154 12
Holbrook & Hunt, plumbing, etc.	72 50
J. P. Deering, lumber	35 43
O. N. Kennard, concreting walks, cor. of Grove and Myrtle Sts.—158 yards at 35c.	\$55 30
252 " 17 1-2c.	44 10
	99 40
A. W. Lynde, cementing cellar, Grove St. building	37 50
C. O. Saunders, 27 shade-trees	37 80
Melrose Improvement Soc., labor and loam	17 62
Benjamin Stones, cleaning vaults (Vinton St.)	5 00
	\$1,057 14

Books, Stationery, etc.

Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., books	\$75 60
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, "	239 37
A. C. Stockin, "	3 37
Harper & Brothers, "	53 46
Willard Small, "	2 00
D. Appleton & Co., "	73 31
Knight, Adams & Co., "	282 67
Charles H. Whiting, "	48 57
J. W. C. Gilman & Co., "	33 50
National Temperance Society, "	6 67
Ginn, Heath & Co., "	17 97
Martin, Garrison & Co., People's Cyclopedia	18 00
Maynard & Noyes, ink	19 25
G. B. Meleney, 12 Graphic writing charts	24 00
Amount carried forward	\$897.74

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$897.74
C. A. Eastman, books, etc.	4 80
J. L. Hammett, sundries	85 72
Boston School Supply Co., pens, etc.	3 20
N. E. School Furnishing Co., blackboard erasers	12 58

\$1,004 04

Printing.

Babb & Stephens, programmes	\$11 00
T. W. Ripley, extra reports	8 00

\$19 00

Sundries, Supplies, etc.

George F. Boardman, rent of room	\$100 00
C. A. Eastman, book agent, 1 year	50 00
Wiggin & Fernald, legal services collecting claim against town of Stoneham	50 00
Bugbee & Barrett, snow-shovel	50
John Larrabee, sponges, etc.	1 05
A. G. Whitman, sundries	6 48
Chickering & Sons, carting piano	8 00
L. T. Freeman, carting piano and furniture	4 50
L. W. Gilman, sundries	6 80
Ames Plow Co., wheelbarrow	3 00
Boston Belting Co., hose, pipe, etc.	12 15
Lemuel Merrill, locks and keys	3 50
E. Thayer, conveying children	38 50
M. F. Eastman, expressing	13 10
A. B. Pierce, services truant officer	5 88
F. M. McLaughlin, “ “	7 79
Orthodox Cong'l Society, use of chapel	10 00
J. A. Dill, catering for institute	31 50
C. E. Whiting, music	2 40
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	18 65
Hannah F. Lewis, filling out diplomas	4 00
C. G. Harris, ribbon for “	4 20
M. S. Page & Co., two clocks	10 00
G. P. Reed, cleaning clocks	3 25
C. F. Valentine, sundries	5 59
C. F. Valentine, cleaning windows and floors (Grove Street building)	19 38
Asa Church, seating chairs	1 25

\$421 47

Furniture.

Geo. F. Roach & Co., office desks	\$15 00
C. W. Clark, 7 single desks	19 50
Buffalo Hardware Co., desks	212 80
Boston & Maine R.R., freight on desks	24 12
Buffalo School Furniture Co., desks	302 60
C. F. Valentine, setting up desks	6 00
O. Lappen & Co., ash barrel	4 00
S. P. Rowell, repairs, etc. . . .	40 90
	\$624 92

RECAPITULATION.

General repairs, etc.	\$1,057 14
Books, stationery, etc.	1,004 04
Supplies, etc.	421 47
Printing	19 00
Furniture	624 92
	\$3,126 57
Balance unexpended	80 58
	\$3,207 15

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$900 00
Balance from last year	36 02

RECEIPTS.

For auctioners' licenses : —	
John R. Jones	\$2 00
Nelson Cochran	2 00
George W. Farnsworth	2 00
	6 00
From Crystal Lake Fishing Association, rent of pond	
one year	10 00
For lock-up fees	3 00
	\$955 02

EXPENDED.

Board of Selectmen, clerk hire, 1882	\$25 00	
George C. Stantial, clerk for Selectmen, 1883	25 00	
T. W. Ripley, printing 1,300 reports, 1882	183 25	
G. W. Reynolds, printing warrants, notices, bill-heads, voting lists, etc.	83 24	
T. W. Ripley, tax bills and notices	18 50	
A. W. Haskell, Collector's book	4 50	
Rockwell & Churchill, tax bills	3 00	
John Larrabee, collecting, recording, and returning births, deaths, and marriages, 1882	75 00	
John Larrabee, services preparing reports, 1882, regis- ter of voters, check lists, State aid, etc. . . .	40 00	
John Larrabee, cash paid for stationery, postage, etc.	7 10	
P. O. Department, stamps	3 00	
Cunningham Express, expressing	1 10	
M. F. Eastman, expressing	2 70	
A. B. Pierce, returning 65 deaths, 1883	13 75	
J. F. Wakefield, M. D., returning birth	25	
A. B. Pierce, posting notices, distributing warrants, reports, etc.	86 50	
George F. King & Merrill, stationery, etc. . . .	16 60	
G. W. Bartlett, carriage hire	30 50	
Dexter Pratt, carriage hire	10 00	
Daniel Norton, Jr., expense, police badges	2 00	
Dexter Pratt, locating streets	14 50	
Lawrence Wilde & Co., mattresses for lock-up	3 50	
H. B. Newhall, posting notices	2 00	
F. McLaughlin, ringing bell	6 00	
W. C. Stevens, " "	2 00	
Samuel Lear, " "	6 00	
Samuel Sprague, " "	6 00	
Battery "C," M. V. M., firing salute, July 4	50 00	
F. S. Hesseltine, services, Maurice G. Coch- ran vs. Town	\$51 50	
Bill in equity, Town vs. Stoneham R.R., obtaining injunction, etc.	75 00	126 50
Gooch & Burdett, services T. Corey vs. Assessors		25 00
		\$872 49
Balance unexpended		82 53
		\$955 02

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, etc.

William H. Wells, groceries	\$183 00
Bugbee & Barrett, groceries and provisions	266 51
L. F. Hinckley, " "	316 51
L. W. Gilman, " "	71 01
James Worthen, " "	127 74
A. Wheeler & Co. " "	61 30
Frost & Hawes, " "	28 50
George U. Barker, "	15 00
Lawrence Leonard, supplies and rent Kelley family, .	78 00
J. P. Murphy, " " "	66 00
S. H. Nowell, milk	22 02
Angevine Bros., milk	18 02
Geo. E. Fuller "	5 29
Henry C. Bliss "	12 32
J. A. Dill, bread	41 82
Daniel Norton, Jr., cash paid	15 00
	\$1,328 04

Fuel.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal	\$368 49
James Marshall, wood and coal	75 10
B. R. Upham " "	104 94
William Knollin, Jr., coal	3 25
	\$551 78

Medical Attendance and Medicine.

J. Vincent Smith, M. D.	\$86 00
J. Heber Smith, M. D.	12 00
Julius S. Clark, M. D.	56 00
G. H. Hackett, M. D.	4 00
John Larrabee, medicines	32 89
	\$190 89

For Support of Insane.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital	\$693 94
Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester	360 01
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	474 23
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	61 29
	\$1,589 47

Burial Expenses.

A. B. Pierce, burial Mrs. Stinson	\$18 50
“ “ Howard and Waitt	14 00
D. H. Royal, care body Mrs. Stinson and clothing furnished	8 00
	\$40 50

Outside Relief.

City of Boston, aid to Eunice B. Snow, William A. Johnson, Hallahan, and Hitchings	\$159 78
City of Lynn, aid to Mary A. Davis	9 00
Town of Woburn, aid to L. W. Harris and family	154 60
City of Malden, aid to Ezra Waitt	\$212 95
aid to Sarah Howard	19 57
aid to Asa Slocumb	371 50
aid to James Killion	6 50
	610 52
Town of Wakefield, illness and funeral expenses A. W. Waitt	35 25
Town of Methuen, aid to Sarah Howard	16 88
	\$986 03

Rents.

B. R. Upham, 57 weeks, Mrs. Stinson	\$57 00
B. R. Upham, 29 weeks, Mrs. E. C. Grover	29 00
W. J. Farnsworth, 4 months, C. M. Grover	14 00
W. J. Farnsworth, rent and supplies to Martha and Mary Paine, 45 weeks (nurse, \$8)	143 00
C. H. Simpson, 16 weeks, J. H. Howes	16 00
Charles Ramsdell, 17 weeks, J. H. Howes	17 00
Estate C. A. Green, 10½ months, Mrs. Sanborn	55 50
Dexter Bryant, 9 months, Dennis Sullivan,	9 00
John W. Cobb, 1 year, Mrs. Robert H. Terry	48 00
Est. J. Crowley, 5 months, Fred. Waitt,	15 00
Mary A. Crowley, 7 months, Fred. Waitt	21 00
Melvina Hemmenway, 3 months, Wm. H. Richardson,	12 00
Olive Earl, 2 months	8 00
	\$444 50

Board and Clothing.

Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 52 weeks .	\$156 00
Florence E. Upham, board of Arthur J. Richardson, 46 weeks	46 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for Arthur J. Richardson,	10 25
Orice K. Stebbins, board of Abigail Connor, 13 mos.	169 00
“ “ clothing for Abigail Connor . . .	2 75
A. M. Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 51 weeks,	127 50
E. J. Barron, board of Lucy Barron, 2 months . . .	22 00
“ “ “ 9 months	117 00
Mrs. Eliza McCalman, board of Eliza C. Grover, 37 weeks	111 00
Sam'l Woodward, board of Lucy Barron, 1 month . .	11 00
C. S. Jones, board of Stephen Hyde, 34 $\frac{2}{3}$ weeks . .	104 00
Stephen Haraden, board of Abbie G. Fuller, 25 weeks,	50 00
James Eaton, board of Abbie G. Fuller, 10 weeks, .	20 00
D. H. Royal, board and care of Mrs. E. C. Grover,	9 00
	\$955 50

Sundries.

C. G. Harris, dry goods	\$26 54
G. L. Westgate, dry goods	8 96
H. G. Fields, boots, shoes, and rubbers	75 83
Geo. Newhall, shoes	1 25
H. G. Fields, cash paid	14 00
“ “ expenses, car fare, etc.	7 26
M. F. Eastman, bed filling	1 00
Samuel Sprague, meals to tramps	10 50
S. F. Barrett, car fares	1 45
J. C. Howes, stove-pipe	1 50
	\$148 29

RECAPITULATION.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, etc.	\$1,328 04
Fuel	551 78
Medical attendance and medicines	190 89
Support of insane	1,589 47
Burial expenses	40 50
Outside relief	986 03
Rents	444 50
Board and clothing	955 50
Sundries	148 29
	\$6,235 00

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Balance from last year	142 95

RECEIPTS.

From City of Boston	\$123 02
" Somerville	215 66
Town of Beverly	47 75
" Granby	51 00
Commonwealth of Mass.	69 59
Peter Edgerly, board of daughter	170 78
Mrs. James Cassell, on account of board of husband,	50 00
	\$4,870 75
Expenditures exceed	1,364 25
	\$6,235 00

Claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department, as follows:—

Commonwealth of Mass.	\$135 99
City of Boston	47 75
" Somerville	81 00
Town of Beverly	28 50
" Falmouth	7 75
For board of Insane persons	138 83
	\$439 82

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	241 05
Expended	\$2,241 05
<i>Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.</i>	
Services of men	\$496 66
Services of steward	40 00
Edwards Brothers, repairing runners and new spring	2 25
M. F. Eastman, hauling truck to fires	11 00
R. Philpot, hauling truck to School St.	3 00
S. E. Benson, coal	3 63
A. W. Parker, glazing	50
	\$557 04

Russell Hose Company, No. 1.

Services of men, one year	\$300 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 5,700 feet gas	15 68
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	34 25
Frost & Hawes, nails and spikes	4 42
T. B. Stantial, carpenter work	38 50
J. P. Deering, lumber, shingles, etc.	56 27
A. W. Parker, paint and glass	80
John B. Souther, 5 chairs	7 50
Edwards Brothers, iron step and painting	9 00
	\$506 42

N. D. Blake Hose Company, No. 2.

Services of men, one year	\$295 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 8,700 feet gas	23 93
Thos. McCoubry, repairing, iron bolts, etc.	2 45
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	10 88
Hose Co., expense, hauling carriage	6 00
	\$378 26

Highland Hose Company, No. 3.

Services of men, one year	\$283 34
Services of steward, one year	40 00
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	12 70
William H. Greenleaf, paint'g, grain'g, paper'g, etc.	32 43
	\$368 47

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Board of Engineers, services one year	\$75 00
R. M. Rand, care of engine	5 00
L. W. Gilman, rent 15 months (Hose Co. No. 2)	187 50
James Boyd & Sons, repairing hose	1 50
J. B. Johnson, breastplate and snaps	3 30
Hunneman & Co., lamps, etc.	3 35
	\$275 65

RECAPITULATION.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company.	\$557 04
Russell Hose Company	506 42
N. D. Blake Hose Company	378 26
Highland Hose Company	368 47
Contingent expenses	275 65
	\$2,085 84

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	241 05
	\$2,241 05
Balance unexpended	155 21
	\$2,241 05

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Received from Amos Stone, County Treasurer, dog tax of 1882 refunded	451 98
	\$1,251 98
Paid E. H. Goss, on orders from trustees	1,251 98

SCHOOL BUILDING CORNER GROVE AND MYRTLE
STREETS.

Appropriation, for purchase of land and grading	\$2,500 00
for building	6,500 00
for building additional	2,000 00
	\$11,000 00

EXPENDED.

Paid committees' orders during year 1882	2,276 28
Paid committees' orders during year 1883	8,723 09
	\$10,999 37
Balance unexpended	63
	\$11,000 00

TOWN HALL.

Appropriation for ventilating	\$150 00
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RECEIPTS.

Melrose Lyceum, season 1882-83	\$200 00
" " " 1883-84	200 00
Melrose Savings Bank, rent 1 year	100 00
Carleton Combination Co.	25 00
Unitarian Society	25 00
Post 4, G. A. R. (Fair)	52 00
J. A. Flockton	40 00
Firemen's Ball	25 00
Camilla Urso Co.	25 00
Universalist Soc. May-day Festival	30 00
Haworth Company	25 00
Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.	25 00
Republican Committee	37 50
Democratic "	25 00
Brown University Glee Club	25 00

\$1,009 50

EXPENDED.

Eureka Ventilating Co., six ventilators	\$150 00
S. E. Benson, 60 tons coal	360 00
Samuel Sprague, janitor 1 year	300 00
Samuel Sprague, sundries furnished	17 37
Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co., 1,113,700 ft. gas	312 69
A. E. Upham, fly-doors	32 50
D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	9 25
Lemuel Merrill, locks and keys	5 90
J. C. Howes, repairs, plumbing, etc.	27 06
Edwards Brothers, sharpening mower, etc.	2 12
John Larrabee, sundries	1 40
George N. Cass, painting building, per contract	250 00
M. F. Eastman, lawn dressing	5 50
A. W. Parker, glazing	2 50
R. Philpot, manure and spreading	15 00
Bugbee & Barrett, dusters, etc.	11 90

\$1,503 19

Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts \$493.69.

STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of amount paid during the year 1882	\$980 00
PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING YEAR 1882.	
Samuel Sprague	\$48 00
Isaac C. Dowling	24 00
George C. Buckman	72 00
William Story	72 00
George A. Tainter	48 00
Luzon Weeks	36 00
Joseph S. Eastman	36 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Angus McDonald	58 00
Charles H. Young	72 00
James F. Ramsey	18 00
Ann M. Jewett	4 00
J. Spencer Drayton	30 00
Rebecca H. French	20 00
Mary D. Pratt	8 00
	\$738 00

MILITARY AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of aid paid in 1882	\$380 00
[Sums paid under provisions chap. 252 Acts of 1879.]	
Daniel D. Penney	56 00
George W. Grover, Jr.	80 00
Philip McMahan	72 00
Moses P. Mitchell	48 00
Ede K. Chase	72 00
William B. York	56 00
Horace W. Stevens	72 00
William A. Johnson	8 00
Benjamin F. York	34 00
Torry Peabody, Jr.	8 00
	\$506 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Balance from last year	57 42
	\$1,557 42

EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Co. of Boston for light- ing and care of 135 lamps, 5 months .	\$562 50
135 " 6 " .	750 00
4 " $\frac{2}{3}$ " .	2 40
139 " 1 " .	128 70
	\$1,443 60
Balance unexpended	113 82
	\$1,557 42

ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Balance from last year	42 40
	\$142 40

EXPENDED.

Paid Globe Gas-Light Company for 5 iron posts, frames, and 5 copper lanterns	80 00
Balance unexpended	62 40
	\$142 40

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Balance from last year	26 62
	\$1,026 62

EXPENDED.

H. B. Newhall, 1,632 hours service	\$408 00
A. B. Pierce, 1,110 hours service	277 50
George Campbell, 718 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours service	179 62
Joseph Holbrook, 446 hours service	111 50
Frank M. McLaughlin, 257 hours service	64 25
A. Wilbur Lynde, 15 hours service	3 75
	\$1,044 62

Expenditures exceed \$18.

PERKINS AND LEEDS STREETS.

Appropriations for building :—

Perkins Street	\$100 00
Leeds Street	150 00
	\$250 00

EXPENDED.

Jas. Marshall, 12 days labor, at \$2 50 per day .	\$30 00
B. R. Upham, 2½ “ “ “ 2 00 “ .	5 00
Laborers, 111½ “ “ “ 1 76 “ .	196 24
Jas. Marshall, team, 16 days, “ 1 50 “ .	24 00
B. R. Upham, team, 2½ “ “ 1 50 “ .	3 75
	\$258 99

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD STREETS.

Appropriation	\$550 00
Balance from last year, unexpended on First Street	283 16
	\$833 16

EXPENDED.

James Marshall, 27 days labor, at \$2 50 per day .	\$67 50
B. R. Upham, 3 “ “ “ 2 00 “ .	6 00
Laborers, 339½ “ “ “ 1 76 “ .	597 52
James Marshall, teams, 54 days “ 1 50 “ .	81 00
B. R. Upham, team, 6½ days, “ 1 50 “ .	9 75
	\$761 77
Balance unexpended	71 39
	\$833 16

INSURANCE.

Unexpended balance (1880)	\$147 25
Geo. M. M'Coy, policies exchanged .	21 25
H. M. Westgate, policies on new school building corner Grove and Myrtle Streets, 48 75	
J. L. Hanaford, policies on school buildings, etc. 147 05	
	\$217 05

Expenditures exceed \$69.80.

SUPPRESSION LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED.

Citizens' Law and Order League of Massachusetts, services of detectives	\$28 20
Balance unexpended	\$271 80

ARMORY RENT.

Henry A. Leonard, rent of building 1 year, to Jan. 1, 1884	\$600 00
Received from State of Massachusetts rent for 1 year to Jan. 1, 1884	\$600 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$6,300 00
Balance unexpended, 1882	253 86
Received as accrued interest	2 66
Received as interest collected on taxes from	
John R. Jones, 1879	24 18
Jona. C. Howes, 1881	92 22
" " 1882	760 54
" " 1883	90 04
	\$7,523 50

EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds (\$65,000) at 7 per cent.	\$4,550 00
on notes to Lowell Institution for Savings	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Mass.	827 50
on notes to Melrose Savings Bank	271 85
on note to John Pickering & Moseley	207 97
on note to Worcester North Savings Institution	240 00
	\$7,297 32
Balance unexpended	226 18
	\$7,523 50

MELROSE WATER FUND.

Dr.

Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6		
cent. per annum	\$9,000	00
bills on account of construction and		
maintenance for year 1883	7,690	87
Treasurer of Water Loan Sinking		
Fund Commissioners, per order		
surplus of maintenance account		
for 1882	2,773	23
Town Treasurer, cash paid on ac-		
count of construction, 1882	1,919	05
		\$21,383 15

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Town appropriations :—		
For use of the water	\$2,000	00
For cost of construction, 1882	4,685	28
For balance of cost of construction,		
1881	7	00
		\$6,692 28
Received from Addison Lane, Superintendent		
and Water Registrar, cash at various times,		
water-rates collected, etc., for 1883	14,138	91
		\$20,831 19
Expenditures exceed, which sum has been paid on		
account of construction for year 1883	551	96
		\$21,383 15

MAIN STREET SIDEWALK.

Appropriation	\$950	00
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EXPENDED.

James Marshall, 6 days labor, at \$2.26 per day	\$13	56
“ “ 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ “ “ 2 50 “	36	87
Laborers, 109 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1 50 per day	163	88
“ 278 “ “ 1 76 “	489	28
Teams, 109 $\frac{1}{4}$ “ “ 1 50 “	163	89
		\$867 48
J. P. Deering, lumber for fence	83	00
		\$950 48

CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Balance from last year	46 01
	\$546 01

EXPENDED.

Paid Walter B. Ellis for laying 812 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards concrete gutters, at 37 cents per yard	\$300 58
Paid Walter B. Ellis for laying 360 yards concrete crossings, at 50 cents per yard	179 99
	\$480 57
Balance unexpended	65 44
	\$546 01

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

For 3 lots sold residents, at \$55 each	\$165 00
4 " " " at \$40 "	160 00
3 " " "	140 00
1 " " "	25 00
1 " " "	30 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	28 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	30 00
On account of lot sold	10 00
Balance due on lots sold	118 50
	\$706 50
For 1 lot sold non-resident	\$150 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ " " "	70 00
	220 00
For grass and wood sold	10 25
For graves	24 00
For care of lots, grading, labor, etc.	237 15
	\$1,197 90

EXPENDED.

Thomas Marshall, labor, 5 months at \$43 per month	\$215 00
“ “ “ 35 days at \$1.76 per day	61 60
“ “ men, teams, manure, etc., furnished,	40 23
Daniel Dowd, labor, 119½ days at \$1.50 per day	179 25
James Marshall, labor, man 4 days at \$1.76 per day	7 04
S. E. Benson, 5 bbls. cement	8 75
Bugbee & Barrett, lawn seed, etc.	1 24
A. C. Goss, sods and teaming	5 80
Boston Rubber Shoe Co., 800 feet sods	8 00
D. W. Gooch, 1,200 feet sods	12 00
S. E. Eastman, P. M., stamps	2 00
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening and repairing tools	2 32
Nelson Cochran, surveying	2 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, ledger	2 25
Richard Whowell, labor and material	36 62
J. P. Deering, lumber	28 53
E. O. Howes, painting	8 67
J. C. Howes, tinning roof	15 00
Henry J. Rice, 200 feet granite capping	120 00
Justus Geist, plants and planting	25 00
M. P. Mitchell, whitewashing tomb	4 00
A. B. Pierce, services	6 75
John Larrabee, services on committee	25 00
George Newhall, services on committee	25 00
	\$842 05
Surplus for year	355 85
	\$1,197 90

MAIN STREET CEMETERY.

Balance unexpended	\$35 00
Paid Walter B. Ellis one-half of expense laying 214 yards concrete sidewalk	39 59

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$1,800 00
Balance from last year	771 66
	\$2,571 66

EXPENDED.

Daniel Norton, Jr., Selectman	\$200 00
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman of Overseers of Poor	250 00
John Larrabee, Town Clerk	175 00
George Newhall, Treasurer	300 00
George C. Stantial, Assessor	150 00
Dexter Pratt, Assessor	150 00
Henry A. Leonard, Assessor	150 00
George C. Stantial, making duplicate valuation book, 1883	50 00
John R. Norton, Auditor, 1882	15 00
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor, 1882	15 00
Ernest Mendum, Auditor, 1882	15 00
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, collecting taxes of 1881, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on \$19,675.87	\$98 38
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, 5 per cent. on simple poll taxes, \$324.13	16 21
	114 59
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, collecting taxes of 1882, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on \$36,774.42	\$183 87
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, 5 per cent. on simple poll taxes, \$725.58	36 28
	220 15
John R. Jones, Collector, collecting taxes of 1878, \$145.61, and 1879, \$456.78, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent.	3 03
	\$1,807 77
Balance unexpended	763 89
	\$2,571 66

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$3,650 00
For removing snow	200 00
Balance from last year	199 93
	\$4,049 93

EXPENDED. — FOR REMOVING SNOW.

A. W. Lynde :—

14 days labor, at \$2.00 per day . .	\$23 00	
14 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ “ “ \$1.75 “ . .	25 81	
Horse, 25 days, at \$1.50 per day . .	37 50	
		\$91 31

James Marshall :—

13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor, at \$1.76 per day . .	\$23 71	
Horse, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.76 “ . .	23 71	
		47 42

Robert Philpot :—

31 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor, at \$1.76 per day . .	\$55 44	
Horse, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at 1.76 “ . .	46 64	
		102 08
		\$240 81

FOR LABOR.

James Marshall :—

86 $\frac{1}{4}$ days labor, at \$2.50 per day . .	\$215 62	
4 “ “ “ \$1.76 “ . .	7 04	
		222 66

Laborers, 1,191 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.76 “	2,097 04	
		\$2,319 70

TEAMS.

James Marshall :—

3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.76 per day	\$6 16	
176 $\frac{1}{2}$ “ “ “ 1 50 “	264 75	
		\$270 91

Benjamin R. Upham :—

58 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	\$88 12	
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Walter B. Ellis :—

71 days, at \$1.50 per day	106 50	
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Allen C. Goss :—

12 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	19 12	
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Frank R. Upham :—

33 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	50 25	
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Eri Upham, 2 days, at \$1.50 per day	3 00	
		\$537 90

SUNDRIES.

Whittemore Brothers, shovels and pick-handles	\$25 25
Franck Shute & Co., 11/12 dozen picks	11 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	8 09
C. L. Hoffman, repairs on Emerson*Street	5 50
H. C. Richardson, sprinkling streets	13 00
Peterson & Parker, 15 bound posts	5 25
J. O. Chandler, sharpening tools	12 50
Thos. McCoubry, sharpening tools, picks furnished, etc.	70 88
Edwards Brothers, repairs, etc.	15 70
“ “ 3 new snow ploughs	90 00
Dexter Pratt, services, 176 hours	52 80
James Marshall, 444 loads gravel	44 40
J. P. Deering, lumber	3 38
Daniel McDonald, granite	6 00
D. R. Woodward, building fence, Main Street	15 00
Boston Rubber Shoe Co., repairing and building por- tion of Washington Street, as per agreement	300 00
John B. Paul, 600 feet 18-inch drain-pipe	150 00
Waldo Brothers, drain-pipe	6 30
	\$835 05

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and balance	\$4,049 93
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EXPENDED.

Removing snow	\$240 81
For labor	2,319 70
For teams	537 90
Sundries	835 05

	\$3,933 46
Balance unexpended	116 47

\$4,049 93

Sums paid for labor and teams were expended
in months as follows:—

April	\$262 81
May	1,010 42
June	808 44
July	121 04
September	114 01
November	507 44
January (1884)	33 44

\$2,857 60

DRAINAGE, BRIDGES, AND CULVERTS.

Appropriation	\$150 00
Balance from last year	312 15
	\$462 15

EXPENDED.

James Marshall, 6 days labor, at \$1.76	\$10 56
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " 2.26	6 22
19 $\frac{3}{4}$ " " 2.50	49 37
Laborers, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ days labor, at \$1.50	3 38
" 128 " " 1.76	225 28
Teams, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 1.50	23 25
Waldo Bros., drain-pipe	48 39
J. C. Howes, drain-pipe and labor	3 50
J. S. Green, drain-pipe	18 70
M. F. Eastman, expressing	9 00
Walter B. Ellis, teaming pipe	60 00
Daniel McDonald, granite	4 50
	\$462 15

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Balance from last year	273 80
	\$1,273 80

EXPENDED.

Labor and Teams.

James Marshall, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$2.50	\$13 75
Laborers, 109 days, at \$1.76	191 84
Teams, 22 days, at \$1.50	33 00
	\$238 59

Concrete.

Walter B. Ellis, one half of the expense of laying 3,282 $\frac{2}{3}$ yards, at 37 cents per yard	\$607 32
Walter B. Ellis, for laying 800 yards about Town Hall, at 37 cents per yard	296 00
Walter B. Ellis, for laying 285 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards top dressing on Cottage Street, at 15 cents per yard	42 80
Amount carried forward	\$946.12

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$946.12
F. A. Messenger, one half of the expense of laying 245 yards on Vinton Street, at 37 cents per yard,	45 32
	<u>\$991 44</u>
William M. Harrison, one half of the expense of building walk on Franklin Street	\$10 00

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation and balance	\$1,273 80
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EXPENDED.

For labor and teams	\$238 59
concrete	991 44
gravel walk	10 00
	<u>\$1,240 03</u>
Balance unexpended	33 77
	<u>\$1,273 80</u>

Concrete walks have been laid opposite estates owned or occupied by persons, as follows :—

	Square Yards.
U. L. Pettingill, Trenton Street	88
L. G. Coburn, "	265
C. H. Isburgh, Vinton Street	45
Thos. McCoubry, Main "	72
Mrs. J. H. Thompson, Winthrop Street	23½
Walter B. Ellis, Winthrop Street	99½
Thos. B. Stantial, "	33½
Frank Farmer, "	30
J. B. Johnson, "	14
A. J. Griffin, Cleaveland and Tappan Streets,	39½
H. H. Boardman, Lebanon Street	95
Mrs. F. E. Howe, Winthrop "	29½
G. W. Farnsworth, " "	66⅔
Mrs. A. M. Sawyer, " "	26⅔
John C. Maker, " "	46⅔
Daniel Russell, Trenton Street	391
Mrs. M. S. Vaughn, Winthrop Street	66
U. L. Pettingill, Wyoming Avenue	131½
J. S. Eastman, Winthrop Street	28½
About Town Hall	800

	Square Yards.
C. N. Chapin, Perkins Street	56 $\frac{2}{3}$
J. Henry Buffum, " "	66
H. A. Norris, off Melrose "	51 $\frac{1}{3}$
John A. Kitching, Emerson Street	71
Henry Fowkes, Perkins "	52 $\frac{1}{3}$
G. W. Chipman, Franklin "	301 $\frac{1}{3}$
G. W. Bartlett, Myrtle "	53
C. A. Messenger, Ashland "	59 $\frac{1}{3}$
E. J. Norris, Emerson "	163 $\frac{1}{3}$
Hose Co. No. 3, Franklin "	39 $\frac{2}{3}$
W. I. Ellis, Myrtle "	33 $\frac{2}{3}$
C. C. Goss, Summer "	68 $\frac{2}{3}$
D. P. Livermore, Emerson "	53 $\frac{1}{3}$
A. H. Briggs, Summer "	83 $\frac{2}{3}$
Cemetery, Main "	214
F. A. Messenger, Vinton "	245
G. W. Farnsworth, Main "	63 $\frac{1}{3}$
W. H. Rich, Myrtle "	43 $\frac{1}{3}$
First Baptist Society, Main "	174
Isaac Emerson, " "	44

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN :

The report of the Board of Fire Engineers is herewith appended. The expenses for the past year have been \$2,085.84.

The appropriation was \$2,000, and the unexpended amount of last year (1882), \$241.05. The bills are submitted, and the balance in favor of the fund, amounting to \$155.21, we respectfully ask to be appropriated towards the expenses for the ensuing year, with an additional appropriation of \$2,000.

The past year has been a remarkably fortunate one for the Town in respect to fire losses. What alarms we *have had* have been responded to with such promptness by the department that the total loss will not exceed fifty dollars.

The quotas of the different Companies are full, and for the most part are composed of experienced men, who are ready for and understand any work in the line of duty which they may be called on to perform.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. HINCKLEY, *Clerk.*

MELROSE, JAN. 1, 1884.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in the treasury, Jan. 30, 1883	.	.	.	\$1,129 78
Total receipts for the year	.	.	.	119,301 43
				\$120,431 21
Total disbursements for the year	.	.	.	120,329 36
Cash in the treasury, Jan. 31, 1884	.	.	.	101 85

NOTES GIVEN AND PAID DURING THE YEAR.

October 15, 1883, paid note to Commonwealth of Massachusetts (permanent loan)	.	.	.	\$5,000 00
Borrowed of Melrose Savings Bank, on notes, during year	.	.	.	\$16,000 00
Paid Melrose Savings Bank notes bor- rowed	.	.	.	15,000 00
Paid Melrose Savings Bank, note (tem- porary loan of last year)	.	.	.	2,000 00
Borrowed of Alvah Smith, on note dated June 21, 1883	.	.	.	12,000 00
Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts, note dated Dec. 21, 1882	.	.	.	12,000 00
Borrowed of John Pickering & Moseley, note dated May, 4 1883	.	.	.	5,000 00
				\$33,000 00
				\$34,000 00

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1, 1884.

BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890	.	.	.	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1, 1892	.	.	.	50,000 00
Town Hall bonds, due Oct. 1, 1892	.	.	.	65,000 00
				\$215,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Notes Outstanding.

Lowell Institution for Savings, due Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent.	\$20,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1888, interest, 6 per cent.	5,000 00
	<u>\$25,000 00</u>

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Note given John Pickering & Moseley, due May 4, 1884, interest 4 per cent.	\$5,000 00
(Borrowed on account of new school building, Grove St.)	
Note given Alvah Smith, due June 21, 1884, interest 4 per cent.	12,000 00
Note to Melrose Savings Bank, on demand, interest 4 per cent.	1,000 00
	<u>\$18,000 00</u>

Total debt, \$258,000.00.

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on account of State aid	\$702 00
Due from State of Massachusetts on account of Military aid	253 00
Bills due on poor account	439 82
Uncollected taxes :—	
1880	\$133 78
1881	607 81
1882	937 21
1883	22,406 34
	<u>24,085 14</u>
Water Loan Sinking Fund	13,998 73
Cash in the treasury	101 85
	<u>\$38,185 72</u>

Net debt more than assets available, \$219,814.28.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. NEWHALL,

Treasurer.

(E. and O. excepted.)

MELROSE, Jan. 31, 1884.

GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

In account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan Sinking Fund.

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February, 1883. Cash on hand	\$107 91
To received as interest and dividends on sums invested	627 59
To received as surplus from Water Fund, 1882 .	2,773 23
	\$3,508 73

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By paid rent for box in safe deposit	\$10 00
By paid (per order) for loan secured by mortgage on real estate	2,800 00
By cash on hand deposited in Melrose Savings Bank	698 73
	\$3,508 73

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE.

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By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows:—

School Fund	\$14,763 00
School contingent expenses	3,126 57
Contingent Fund	872 49
Poor Fund	6,235 00
Fire Department	2,085 84
Town Hall	1,503 19
Street lights	1,443 60
Cemetery (Wyoming)	842 05
Police	1,044 62
Town Officers' salaries	1,807 77
State aid	738 00
Water Fund	7,690 87
Drainage	462 15
Armory Rent	600 00
Additional street lamps	80 00
Concrete sidewalks	1,240 03
Concrete crossings and gutters	480 57
Military aid	506 00
Highways	3,933 46
Insurance	217 05
Main Street Cemetery	39 59
Suppression liquor traffic	28 20
First, Second, and Third Streets	761 77
Perkins and Leeds Streets	258 99
Main Street sidewalk	950 48

\$51,711 29

By paid interest on Water Fund bonds	\$9,000 00
" notes and Town	
Hall bonds	7,297 32
orders of Trustees Pub. Library	1,251 98
State tax, 1883	3,330 00
County tax, 1883	2,242 45
Treasurer Water Loan Sinking	
Fund (surplus 1882)	2,773 23
orders of committee on school	
building corner Grove and	
Myrtle Streets	8,723 09

34,618 07

TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's notes	\$34,000 00
Jan. 30, 1884. By cash in the Treasury	101 85
	\$120,431 21

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the Books of the Treasurer, and find them correctly kept, and proper vouchers accompanying them. The balance on hand we find deposited in the Freeman's National Bank of Boston, to the credit of the Town.

We have also examined the account of the Treasurer of the Public Library, and find it correct and properly vouched.

Respectfully,

FRANK E. ORCUTT,
JOHN R. NORTON,
GILBERT N. HARRIS,

Auditors.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1883.

Number of inhabitants	5,071
children 5 to 15 years of age	1,003
dwellings	1,126
horses	322
cows and oxen	130
dogs	235
acres of land taxed (about)	2,700
steam-boilers	18
horse-power	1,107½
Value of real estate	\$3,829,425
Value of personal estate	368,376

Total valuation	\$4,197,801
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Rate of taxation per \$1000, \$14.40.

Amount of appropriations	\$55,393 71
State tax	3,330 00
county tax	2,242 45
overlay	2,258 13

\$63,224 29

Assessed as follows : —

Number of polls, 1,388.

Tax on polls at \$2 each	\$2,776 00
personal estate	5,304 57
real estate	55,143 72

Amount of warrant committed to the Collector	\$63,224 29
additional assessments	64 02

\$63,288 31

Less abatements	229 56
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Net amount January 1, 1884	\$63,058 75
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On which there has been collected	\$40,652 41
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And interest	90 04
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\$40,742 45

ABATEMENTS ON 1883.

George S. Nutting.....	\$2 00	Mrs. E. M. Morcomb.....	\$7 92
Gillam B. Wheeler.....	15 00	Mrs. J. D. Crocker.....	2 88
Liberty Bigelow.....	72 00	Mrs. Helen E. Hurley.....	4 16
Levi Miles, estate.....	5 16	Mrs. Lyman Elmes.....	7 08
Rev. H. Westcott.....	2 00	Mrs. C. W. Clinkard.....	7 20
Geo. W. Van Horn.....	2 00	Mrs. John Collegan.....	7 72
Henry Hunt.....	4 64	Mrs. S. S. Twombly.....	7 20
William Silkes.....	2 00	Mrs. James Sayse.....	6 48
Walter Murphy.....	1 08	Mrs. H. M. Smith.....	1 52
Samuel D. Taylor.....	9 92	Mrs. Mary Lynde (Wm.).....	28 80
Miss J. Stackpole.....	7 04	Misses Conways.....	13 12
Miss M. A. O'Riley.....	5 00		
Miss Nancy S. Wilson.....	2 88		
Mrs. Zilpha Butler.....	4 76		\$229 56

FOR YEAR 1882.

Net amount of Collector's book January 1, 1883,		
as per last report		\$57,855 68
Abatements made in 1883		79 37
Net amount January 1, 1884		\$57,776 31
On which there has been collected	\$56,839 10	
And interest	860 90	
		57,700 00

ABATEMENTS ON 1882 DURING 1883.

Matthew Cassells... ..	\$1 14	Mrs. Louisa Kendall.....	\$7 32
J. R. Simonds.....	2 00	Mrs. James Sayse.....	10 73
George Upham.....	7 18	Mrs. Mary F. Howard.....	2 59
Thomas A. Dalby.....	2 00	Mrs. Mary E. Howard.....	5 92
Peris R. Ellis.....	2 00	Miss Cynthia Howard.....	5 55
William A. Stone.....	1 48	Misses E. and M. Moody.....	11 84
F. D. Howe, estate.....	4 52		
Orthodox Cong'l Society.....	7 70		\$79 37
Mrs. J. R. Simonds.....	7 40		

FOR YEAR 1881.

Net amount of Collector's book, Jan. 1, 1883, as		
per last report		\$54,308 32
Abatements made in 1883		34 79
Net amount Jan. 1, 1884		\$54,273 53
On which there has been collected	\$53,665 72	
And interest	834 28	
		\$54,500 00

ABATEMENTS ON 1881 DURING 1883.

Mrs. Sarah J. Murray.....	\$6 21	Mrs. Mary Lynde (John)....	\$15 47
Mrs. Mary F. Howard.....	2 42		
Mrs. Mary E. Howard.....	5 52		\$34 79
Miss Cynthia Howard.....	5 17		

FOR YEAR 1880.

Net amount of Collector's book January 1, 1883, as per last report	\$53,979 30
Abatements made in 1883	151 78

Net amount January 1, 1884	\$53,827 52
On which there has been collected	\$53,693 74
And interest	979 71
	\$54,673 45

ABATEMENTS ON 1880 DURING 1883.

Geo. L. Amory.....	\$2 00	Moses H. Miller.....	\$2 00
Joseph Bronson.....	2 00	Oscar Norrby.....	2 00
Hosea B. Ballou.....	2 00	Joseph Phipps.....	2 00
John Callahan.....	2 00	Samuel Perkins.....	2 00
Samuel A. Cate.....	2 00	Reuben Pratt.....	2 00
John S. Cornell.....	1 00	L. E. Pitchard.....	2 00
James P. Cassells.....	2 00	Daniel Pratt.....	2 00
Joseph Cushman.....	2 00	Stillman Roberts.....	2 00
William Callender.....	2 00	Eugene H. Russell.....	1 00
Augustus Dickson.....	2 36	Edward W. Roby.....	2 00
Albert Dalrymple.....	2 00	John Russell.....	2 00
Horace E. Dyer.....	2 00	Daniel Sullivan.....	1 00
Charles Douglass.....	2 00	Henry Sargent.....	2 00
William H. Earl.....	1 00	Hazen Oranger.....	2 00
Benj. W. Ellis.....	2 00	John S. Shea.....	2 00
Frank T. Follansbee.....	2 00	E. W. Stilphen.....	2 00
John A. Furber.....	2 00	James A. Symes.....	2 00
William Fitzer.....	2 00	Albert H. Stevens.....	2 00
Albert Fisher.....	2 00	Fred. B. Sargent.....	2 00
Arthur E. Ford.....	2 00	— Tucker.....	2 00
Geo. W. Grover, Jr.....	3 43	Geo. L. Tufts.....	2 00
John Heney.....	2 14	Walter S. Upham.....	2 00
Charles M. Grover.....	1 00	Frank Wheeler.....	2 00
William Hallahan.....	2 00	Alexander Whitehead.....	2 00
Frank Hanson.....	2 00	Fred. Waitt.....	2 00
Calvin Hersom.....	2 00	Alvin A. Waitt.....	2 00
James Kehoe.....	2 00	William H. Ward.....	2 00
Joseph W. Kennedy.....	2 00	Charles Waitt.....	2 00
Fred. A. Locke.....	2 00	Josiah York.....	2 00
Fred. C. Libby.....	2 00	Charles H. Young.....	2 00
Stephen Long.....	2 00	Frank A. Phillips.....	2 00
D. P. Leonard.....	2 00	Thomas F. Longley.....	2 00
Charles E. Loring.....	2 00	William S. Marshall.....	2 00
John Moore.....	2 00	Charles Porter, estate.....	4 28
Michael McQuade.....	2 00	Charles T. Stevens.....	5 86
Jeremiah Martin.....	1 28	E. A. Robinson.....	1 43
Leopold Mitchell.....	2 00		
John H. Murphy.....	2 00		
James Millard.....	2 00		\$151 78

FOR YEAR 1879.

Net amount of Collector's book January 1, 1883, as	
per last report	\$56,921 66
Additional assessments	2 00
	<u>\$56,923 66</u>
Abatements made in 1883	32 50
Net amount	<u>\$56,891 16</u>
On which there has been collected .	\$56,891 16
And interest	996 97
	<u>\$57,898 13</u>

And the Collector's account for 1879 has been settled with the Town.

ABATEMENTS ON 1879 DURING 1883.

Geo. H. Pichard.....	\$2 00	J. F. Chase	\$2 00
Dennis Russell.....	2 00	Charles A. Stone... ..	2 00
Eugene H. Russell.....	2 00	Charles G. Fuller.....	50
Henry F. Simonds.....	2 00	John Hitchings.....	2 00
Dennis Sullivan	2 00	Joshua B. Ellis.....	2 00
Daniel Sullivan.....	2 00	W. W. Kingman.....	2 00
Josiah York.....	2 00	Lyman Skelton....	2 00
Moses P. Mitchell.....	2 00		
Nathan Pratt.....	2 00		\$32 50
Geo. C. Verner.....	2 00		

FOR YEAR 1878.

Net amount of Collector's book January 1, 1883, as	
per last report	\$49,485 11
Abatements made in 1883	11 20
Net amount	<u>\$49,473 91</u>
On which there has been collected .	\$49,473 91
And interest	895 61
	<u>\$50,369 52</u>

And the Collector's account for 1878 has been settled with the Town.

ABATEMENTS ON 1878 DURING 1883.

Albert J. Ristein.....	\$2 00	David Russell	\$2 00
Geo. H. Pichard.....	2 00		
John S. Larrabee.....	2 00		\$11 20
Geo. W. Towner.....	3 20		

G. C. STANTIAL,
DEXTER PRATT,
H. A. LEONARD,
Assessors of Melrose.

COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1883.

Amount of Warrant and Tax List as received from the Assessors	\$63,224 29
Additional Assessments	64 02
	<u>\$63,288 31</u>
Abatements (see Assessors' Report)	229 56
	<u>\$63,058 75</u>
Interest collected	90 04
	<u>\$63,148 79</u>
Cash paid Treasurer	40,742 45
Balance unpaid January 1, 1884	<u>\$22,406 34</u>

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

Collector for 1883.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1882.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$20,456 04
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report)	79 37
	<u>\$20,376 67</u>
Interest collected in 1883	760 54
	<u>\$21,137 21</u>
Paid Treasurer in 1883	20,200 00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1884	<u>\$937 21</u>

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

Collector for 1882.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1881.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$1,550 38
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report)	34 79
	<u>\$1,515 59</u>
Interest collected in 1883	92 22
	<u>\$1,607 81</u>
Paid Treasurer in 1883	1,000 00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1884	<u>\$607 81</u>

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

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Collector for 1881.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1880.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$415 80
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report)	151 78
	\$264 02
Paid Treasurer in 1883	130 24
Balance unpaid January 1, 1884	\$133 78

MOSES BRIGGS,

Collector for 1880.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1879.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$113 10
Additional assessments	2 00
	\$115 10
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report)	32 50
	\$82 60
Interest collected	24 18
	\$106 78
Paid Treasurer in 1883	106 78
and account settled.	

JOHN R. JONES,

Collector for 1879.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1878.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1883, as per last Report	\$153 23
Abatements in 1883 (see Assessors' Report)	11 20
	\$142 03
Interest collected	3 48
	\$145 51
Paid Treasurer in 1883	145 51
and account settled.	

JOHN R. JONES,

Collector for 1878.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

In accordance with the Act of April 2d, 1870, the Board of Water Commissioners respectfully submit this, their Fourteenth Annual Report, including the report of the Superintendent, showing the condition and cost of the works to January 1, 1884.

The year just passed has been one of anxiety to the Water Commissioners, on account of the low stage of the water at the commencement of the year,—the pond not filling to within 15 inches of the overflow, or high-water mark (this was 3 inches lower than in 1880, when we were obliged to pump) ; also, to the fact that the consumption had largely increased.

At a meeting of the joint Water Boards, held in August, it was decided that pumping must be resorted to at once.

The pump was started on the 23d of September, and has continued up to the time of making this report. Frequent complaints have been made to the Commissioners, from persons living on high land, of not obtaining an adequate supply of water. To obviate this in part, Melrose should have an independent main, which would give us the full pressure. The main pipe, as originally laid, is, we think, too small; the largest we have is only 6 inches (except the main from the pond to Main Street at Masonic Hall, which is 16 inches). There should be a new 12-inch main extended from the 16-inch main at Masonic Hall, through Main, Green, and Franklin Streets; then through Franklin to Vinton; then through Vinton to Florence Street, to the 16-inch main on Wyoming Avenue.

It is well known that the Town ought to have a larger and better gate-house than we have at present; and we trust that the Town will adopt some measure to have one built, after hearing the report of the Committee, appointed at its last Town Meeting, to ascertain the cost of the same.

The Town is to be congratulated on the large increase of receipts from water-rates the past year.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year, as follows:—

For hydrants, Town Hall, school-houses, etc.	\$2,000 00
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WATER-TAKERS, 1884.

Families	1,066
Apothecaries	2
Aquarium	1
Armory	1
Barber shops	2
Bakehouse	1
Blacksmith shop	1
Churches	6
Carriage shop	1
Engine and hose houses	4
Fish markets	2
Greenhouses	6
Hand hose	271
Hydrants	99
Halls	5
Livery and boarding stables	4
Manufactories	6
Motors	2
Ornamental fountains	6
Private stables	32
Printing-office	1
Public drinking-fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad depots	3
Standpipes	3
School-houses	8
Stores and shops	20
Truck and cart stables	15
Number of water-takers as per register 1884	1,176
Number of water-takers as per register 1883	1,076
Increase over 1883	100

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount received for Water-Rates exclusively.

1860-71	\$3,909 29
1872	5,141 84
1873	6,133 88
1874	7,202 31

1875	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$7,882 85
1876	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,788 93
1877	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,850 45
1878	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,267 95
1879	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,717 13
1880	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,863 14
1881	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,223 84
1882	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10,818 84
1883	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,826 05
Estimated income for income for 1884	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13,500 00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of water-works to Jan. 1st, 1883 . . . \$181,672 69

Expended this year as follows : —

City of Malden, pipe	\$830 40	
Davis & Farnum Mfg. Co., iron boxes	38 54	
Dalton & Ingersoll, brass fittings	87 20	
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools	40 10	
Summers & Hunt, fittings	112 00	
Richard Pattee & Co., hydrants	132 00	
Boston Machine Co., gates	102 40	
J. H. & T. Cunningham, pipe	671 40	
Bills for trenching	1,440 72	
Goodhue & Birnie, pipe	152 50	
S. E. Benson, cement	210 20	
Somerville Iron Foundry, iron boxes	66 00	
J. C. Howes, labor and material	141 32	
		\$4,024 78
Cost of water-works to Jan. 1st, 1884		\$185,697 47

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

There has been paid out on the above account the sum of three thousand six hundred and sixty-six and $\frac{9}{100}$ dollars, for which the Town holds the vouchers \$3,666 09

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 1, 1883, Coupons on \$50,000	\$1,500 00	
July 1, " Coupons on 100,000	3,000 00	
Oct. 1, " Coupons on 50,000	1,500 00	
Jan. 1, 1884, Coupons on 100,000	3,000 00	
		\$9,000 00
		\$12,666 09

RECEIPTS.

Received from Town, for use of water .	\$2,000 00	
“ “ City of Malden, care of gate-house, &c. .	339 08	
“ on pipe account . . .	953 63	
“ for stone sold . . .	16 75	
“ “ stock sold . . .	2 60	
“ “ notices . . .	80	
“ “ water-rates . . .	12,826 05	
		\$16,138 91

CONTRA.

Paid on interest account . . .	\$9,000 00	
Maintenance “ . . .	3,666 09	
		12,666 09
Surplus for the year		\$3,472 82

Furniture, Stock, and Tools on hand, Jan. 1, 1884.

Furniture	\$170 00
Tools of all kinds	175 00
Stock	829 58
	\$1,174 58

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you my Annual Report, showing briefly the operations of this department during the year ending Dec. 31, 1883.

THE POND.

It will be seen by the following record that the water has been drawn to a point lower than at any time since the water was introduced; having been obliged to pump since the 23d of September, and continuing at the present time, December 31st.

As the water continued to go down, it became necessary to carry the suction pipe out about seven hundred feet further into the pond. The pump was connected with the long suction pipe, Sunday morning, December 9th; since which time there has been an uninterrupted supply of water.

The low state of the water left a wide space of the shore exposed which was usually covered with water. Several days' labor were given to cleaning up the rubbish along the shore, so as to give it a more cleanly appearance.

RECORD.

Rise and Fall of the Pond in 1883.

Jan.	1	.	.	Water was 37 inches below high-water mark.
"	10	.	.	38 " "
"	20	.	.	39 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	39 " "
Feb.	10	.	.	37 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	35 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	28	.	.	34 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
Mar.	10	.	.	33 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	20	.	.	27 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	23 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
April	10	.	.	22 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	17 " "
"	30	.	.	16 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
May	10	.	.	17 " "
"	20	.	.	17 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	15 " the highest point.
June	10	.	.	16 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches below high-water mark.
"	20	.	.	19 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	23 " "
July	10	.	.	26 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	30	.	.	34 " "
Aug.	10	.	.	40 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	43 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	30	.	.	49 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
Sept.	10	.	.	55 " "
"	20	.	.	60 " "
"	23	.	.	Commenced pumping.
				From Sept. 23 to Oct. 1, no record.
Oct.	1	.	.	Water was 63 inches below high-water mark.
"	10	.	.	65 $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
"	20	.	.	68 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	30	.	.	68 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
Nov.	10	.	.	72 $\frac{1}{4}$ " "
"	16	.	.	74 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
				From Nov. 16 to Dec. 5, no record.
Dec.	5	.	.	76 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	10	.	.	77 $\frac{3}{4}$ " "
"	20	.	.	80 " "
"	30	.	.	82 " "

COMPARATIVE RECORD,

Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.

1874. — Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.
1875. — Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full, June 23.
Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.
1876. — Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full, March 25.
1877. — Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full, March 15.
1878. — Lowest point, $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Nov. 13. Pond full, Jan. 15.
Pond full second time, Dec. 14.
1879. — Lowest point, 45 inches, Dec. 20. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1 to May 20.
1880. — Lowest point, $63\frac{1}{4}$ inches, Dec. 30. Highest point, May 10, being then 12 inches below high-water mark.
1881. — Lowest point, 65 inches, Jan. 8, at which time the water was down to the top of the pipe at the gate-house, commenced pumping and continued until Jan. 22. The pump was started again Feb. 6, and run until Feb. 13. Pond full and running over from March 22 to April 30. Next lowest point, 32 inches, Dec. 22.
1882. — Lowest point, $37\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Dec. 21. Pond full and running over at waste-way from March 3 to April 3.
1883. — Lowest point, 82 inches, Dec. 30. The highest point reached was 15 inches below high-water mark, May 30. Commenced pumping Sept. 23, and continue to pump at this time, Dec. 31.

STREET MAINS.

Three thousand nine hundred and twenty-four feet of street mains have been laid the past season, mostly on new streets. Ten leaks have occurred and been repaired.

About one hundred feet of four-inch pipe on Youle Street has been taken up and relaid to a greater depth.

Total length of street mains, eighteen miles.

HYDRANTS.

Four new hydrants have been added to the fire service since the last report, namely : —

One on Rowe Street; one on Emerald Street; and two on Brazil Street, at the new Rubber Works.

Whole number now in use, ninety-nine.

All have been carefully examined, oiled, and painted. By the widening of Washington Street the hydrant near Trenton Street had to be taken up, and set back to correspond with the width of the street. Four have been taken up, and the waste cleared out.

Repairs made in 1883.

March 14. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Vinton Street.

Feb. 20. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Washington Street. Rusty pipe.

May 11. — Repaired leak in service pipe on Youle Street. Leaky stop.

May 31. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Brazil Street. Joint leak.

June 9. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe at new Rubber Works. Leak in joint.

June 18. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe, Masonic Building.

July 19. — Repaired leak in service pipe, Waverly Place. Rusty pipe.

July 25. — Repaired leak in 8-inch iron pipe at Boston Rubber Shoe Co. Defect in casting.

Sept. 1. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Myrtle Street.

Sept. 3. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Youle Street. Pick hole.

Sept. 5. — Repaired service pipe on Grove Street. Rust in corporation.

Sept. 18. — Repaired leak in 16-inch main on Wyoming Avenue. Leak in joint.

Oct. 8. — Repaired service pipe on Wyoming Avenue. Rust in corporation.

Oct. 27. — Repaired leak in 12-inch gate on Main Street, Wyoming.

Nov. 8. — Repaired leak in 16-inch main on Ravine Road.

Nov. 13. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe Winthrop Street Rusty pipe.

Nov. 14. Repaired hydrant on Tremont Street by clearing out waste.

Nov. 15. — Repaired hydrant on Ashland Street by clearing out waste.

STAND-PIPES.

There are now three stand-pipes for water-carts located in different sections of the town; one having been placed on Franklin Street, Highlands, the past summer.

DRINKING-FOUNTAINS.

Additional stop-cocks have been put into the five drinking fountains, so that the flow of water can be more easily regulated.

GATES SET IN 1883.

Eleven new gates have been added to the pipe-lines the past season, located as follows: —

One four-inch gate on Rowe Street, north of Upham Street.

One four-inch gate on Ashland Street, north of Franklin Street.

One four-inch gate on Brazil Street, west of Washington Street.

One four-inch gate on Rowe Street, north of Emerson Street.

One four-inch gate on Orris Street, near Warren Street.

Two four-inch gates on Emerald Street,— one south of Emerson Street, and one north of Upham Street.

One four-inch gate on Mount Vernon Street.

One two-inch gate on Berwick Place, east of Berwick Street.

One two-inch gate on Highland Avenue, west of Ashland Street.

One two-inch gate on Orris Street, near Warren Street.

There are one hundred and fourteen gates of various sizes now in use.

SERVICE PIPE.

One hundred new services have been put in the past season, being forty-two more than was laid in 1883. As many of these services supply two or more families, the whole number of water-takers is eleven hundred and seventy-six.

2,643 feet of service pipe has been laid from main pipe to street line, and 2,883 feet inside of street line. As fast as the wooden service boxes become decayed they are being replaced with others of iron.

AMOUNT OF PIPE LAID IN 1883.

Street Mains.

The following record will show the streets in which pipes have been laid the past season, giving the size of pipe and number of feet in each street.

6-inch pipe on Bellevue Avenue . . .	200 feet.
4 " " " Rowe Street . . .	670 "
4 " " " Brazil Street . . .	780 "
4 " " " Circuit Street . . .	100 "
4 " " " Ashland Street, north . . .	480 "
4 " " " Emerald Street . . .	508 "
4 " " " Orris Street . . .	350 "
4 " " " Youle Street, relaid . . .	100 "
2 " " " Highland Avenue . . .	250 "
2 " " " Berwick Place . . .	138 "
2 " " " Orris Street . . .	148 "
	3,724 feet.

Service Pipe.

$\frac{3}{4}$ inch from main pipe to street line . . .	2,033 feet.
1 " " " " " " " " . . .	233 "
$1\frac{1}{4}$ " " " " " " " " . . .	321 "
$\frac{3}{4}$ " inside of street line . . .	2,883 "
$\frac{3}{4}$ " " " " relaid . . .	50 "
2 " from main pipe to street line . . .	56 "
	5,576 feet.
Total	9,300 "

I have also, as Water Registrar, collected for water-rates the sum of \$12,826.05, and from other sources \$1,312.86; making a total, \$14,138.91, which sum has been paid to the Town Treasurer, for which I hold his receipt.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers, and the amounts paid by each; also, the amounts received from other sources:—

Received from families . . .	\$10,306 18
" " stores and shops . . .	165 00
" " manufactories . . .	773 87
" " use of hose . . .	813 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$12,058 05

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>			\$12,058 05	
Received from stables	.	.	480 00	
" " motors	.	.	55 00	
" " greenhouses	.	.	88 00	
" " halls	.	.	48 00	
" " fountains	.	.	33 00	
" " churches	.	.	46 00	
" " depots	.	.	18 00	
				\$12,826 05
" " City of Malden	.	.	339 08	
" " pipe account	.	.	953 63	
" " stock sold, etc.	.	.	20 15	
				1,312 86
Total				\$14,138 91

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON LANE,

Superintendent.

MELROSE, Feb. 9, 1884.

By request of the Board of Water Commissioners, I have audited the books and accounts kept by Addison Lane, as Registrar, and find charged for water-rates, on the register for 1883, the sum of \$12,880.40, of which amount, \$54.35 has been abated, leaving balance of \$12,826.05; all of which has been collected and paid to the Town Treasurer, together with \$1,312.86 collected on pipe account for stock sold, etc.,—making a total of \$14,138.91.

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Circuit			310				1		
Eleventh.....				255				1	
Third			287				1		
Main		3,784	478		9	2			
Green		2,700			3	1			
Franklin		3,155 $\frac{1}{2}$	360		4	2			
Vinton		3,497 $\frac{1}{2}$	436		6	2	1		
Trenton		1,233	1,331 $\frac{1}{2}$		1	3	2		
Melrose			2,339 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		1		
Ashland			1,475		2		2		
Tremont			3,180		2		4		
Greenwood				637				1	
Perkins			236				1		
Baxter			484		1		1		
Florence			1,340 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		3		
Maple and Poplar...			2,265 $\frac{1}{2}$		2		3		
Emerson			3,977		6		4		
Youle			998 $\frac{1}{2}$	342	1		1		
Otis				780					
Oakland.....			1,161		1		1		
Linden Place.....				286					
Cedar Park.....			1,206 $\frac{1}{2}$		2		2		
Laurel				457					
Cottage.....			1,142	193	2		2		
Hurd			768				1		
Berwick.....			1,226 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		2		
Herbert			220	158 $\frac{1}{2}$			1		
Grove (West)			287 $\frac{1}{2}$		1				
Waverly Place			690 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		1		
Foster			1,470 $\frac{1}{2}$		1		3		
Myrtle and Lake Ave..			3,170		4		8		
Winthrop			695 $\frac{1}{2}$				1		
Vine			691				1		
Essex			1,437		4		2		
Willow				663				1	
Short and Main.....				470 $\frac{1}{2}$					
Reading Hill				3			1	1	
Porter			2,514 $\frac{1}{2}$		3		1		
School				495					
Rubber Works.....	1,050		18		3				1
Prospect Avenue.....			500		1		1		
Tremont (North).....				500				1	
Place off Emerson...				291				1	
Ellsworth Avenue.....				314				1	
Albion			223				1		
Pleasant				1,125	1			1	
Winter			241				1		
Charles			335		1				

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME — *Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Warren			632		2		1		
Bellevue Avenue.....		200	1,000		2		1		
Upham			3,283		5		2		
Stevens Place.....				216					
Lebanon			2,750		2		1		
Grove.....			1,366		1				
Walnut			187½				1		
Lynde and Lindwood			2,960		3		1		
Summer.....			701		2		1		
Wyoming Ave. (East)			1,076				1		
Wyoming Ave. (West)					3				
Chestnut			572		1		2		
Mt. Vernon			394		1		1		
Auburn			372				1		
Winthrop Place.....			520		1		1		
Belmont.....			376				1		
High			376	600			1	1	
Prospect.....			1,026		1		1		
Essex and Lake Ave..			1,082						
Avon.....			422				1		
Elm			1,057		1				
Howard			272	550			1	1	
Upham and Dell Ave.			3,488				2		
East.....			534				1		
Washington			760		2				
Irving			387				1		
Emerson Place.....				251				1	
Seventh				288				1	
Wastes, 27 x 24.....			51						
80 Plugs.....			80						
Grove Street (East)...		1,865	16		2	1			
Emerson Street (East)		743½	10			1			
Rowe Street			670	552	1		2	1	
Ashland, (North)			480				1		
Brazil			780		2		1		
Orris			350	148			1	1	
Highland Avenue.....				250				1	
Berwick Place.....				138				1	
Emerald.....			508		1		2		
Total.....	1,050	17,178½	66,033½	9963	99	12	85	16	1

WATER-RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family,	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water-closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00
Other charges as above.	

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to \$20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLE.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	2 00
The above includes water for washing carriages.	

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.	

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath-houses	10 00

STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates, special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot Pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk’s office.”

JOSEPH D. WILDE,
W. IRVING ELLIS,
WILBER D. FISKE,

Water Commissioners.

REPORT

OF THE

Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners.

The Annual Report of the Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners for year ending Dec. 31, 1883, is herewith respectfully submitted:—

At the beginning of the year we had,—

Cash on hand	\$107 91
We have received from Water Board surplus income for 1882	2,773 23
We have received interest on investments . . .	627 59
We have loaned at 6 % on note secured by mortgage on real estate in Melrose	2,800 00
We carry to credit of new account in cash deposited in Melrose Savings Bank	698 73

The Water Loan Sinking Fund at this date, counting securities at their par value, stands as follows:—

U. S. bonds, $4\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$3,500 00
City of Salem, 5 %	3,000 00
City of Lynn, 6 %	1,000 00
City of Cambridge, 6 %	2,000 00
City of Providence, 5 %	1,000 00
Note secured by mortgage, 6 %	2,800 00
Cash in Melrose Bank	698 73
	\$13,998 73

For additional particulars concerning this fund we refer to the Report of our Treasurer.

DANIEL RUSSELL,
ROYAL P. BARRY,
JOHN W. FARWELL.

IN ACCOUNT WITH E. H. GOSS, TREASURER.

CR.

1883.					
Feb.	14,	{	By cash on hand from account, 1882	.	\$44 10
"	17,		" " from Librarian for fines	.	64 95
"	12, '84,		" " " " catalogues	.	15 00
Mar. 1,	'83,	{	" " " Town Treasurer, dog tax of 1882	.	451 98
June	9,		" " " " appropriations for 1883	.	800 00
Oct.	10,				

 \$1,376 03

IN ACCOUNT WITH MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY. CR.

1883.

Nov.	20,	By cash received from Mr. Joseph A. Titcomb, Executor of will of Horatio N. Perkins	.	\$500 00
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Respectfully submitted,

MELROSE, Feb. 12, 1884.

E. H. GOSS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library present their Thirteenth Annual Report.

In our last Report, among the needs of the library were enumerated : *first*, an enlargement of shelf-room ; *second*, a catalogue of the books added since 1875 ; *third*, a reading-room ; *fourth*, the opening of the library every day in the week.

The two last-mentioned needs are still the needs of the Public Library ; and, as there is a slight increase in the circulation of books, a marked increase in the number of persons using the library, and especially in the average attendance of borrowers on Saturdays, these needs have become pressing, and the failure to make provision for the growth of this department of public education will soon depreciate its real usefulness.

Early in the year the Trustees contracted with Mr. Charles Taylor for the enlargement of the shelf-room, and the alcoves are now capable of receiving the additions of another year.

The catalogue was placed in the hands of our townsman, Mr. T. W. Ripley, and all books added since 1875 were properly arranged and printed in the new supplemental catalogue.

The old catalogues were then bound in with the new, making a complete book of 175 pages.

In the death of Horatio Nelson Perkins, Esq., the Town of Melrose suffered the loss of one who, from the founding of the library in 1871 until his death, watched its growth with exceptional interest. The executors of his will seem to have found evidence of this special interest in the Melrose Library in a pencil memorandum, which we subjoin, and which was found inside the papers connected with his will, as though he purposed making it a part of that instrument : —

“ \$500 — to the Melrose Public Library, etc., in trust, and the annual income of the same is to be expended for the purchase of books forever.”

As this was merely a pencil memorandum, and in no sense a part of the will, the Trustees feel under lasting obligations to Joseph A. Titcomb, Esq., the Executor, and to the other devisees, for their generous interpretation of what they conceived to be the wishes of the late Mr. Perkins, and for carrying out that interpretation in the spirit rather than in the letter of the law.

As this is the first bequest of money to the library, and as it is in the form of a perpetual trust, we annex a copy of the receipt given the Executor, for the information of those who may desire to establish similar funds:—

“MELROSE, November 10, 1883.

“Received of Joseph A. Titcomb, Esquire, Executor of the will of Horatio Nelson Perkins, the sum of five hundred (500) dollars, to be held by us and our successors, as the Trustees of the Melrose Public Library, as a perpetual trust; the principal thereof to be invested, and the income only to be used from year to year in the purchase of books for said Public Library, in accordance with the terms of a memorandum found among his papers.”

This fund is now deposited in the Melrose Savings Bank, and the income will be expended in each year for books, which will be designated as purchased with the “Horatio Nelson Perkins Fund.”

Among the donations of the year is one from Wm. L. Williams, Esq., of *forty-one* pamphlets, comprising the eulogies delivered on the death of Daniel Webster. The collection is at once unique and valuable, comprising many of especial interest. Among them may be mentioned those of Rev. Nehemiah Adams, Theodore Parker, Professor Hitchcock, John Weiss, Professor Sanborn, Bishop Eastburn, and Rev. Dr. Leonard Woods.

It is a pleasant duty to chronicle still another donation from one of the library's best friends,—Mr. Daniel Jefferson, who has often before remembered it by adding to its treasure suitable and appropriate works. This one is entitled, “The Abbey Church of Melrose, Scotland,” illustrated by Frederick Pinches, architect: London, 1879. It is a large portfolio, 12 by 22 inches, containing nine plates of views of the old ruin, with “An Historic Sketch” and “Architectural Remarks.” The type of the text is large and beautiful, pages red-lined, and the whole work done in a most sumptuous and costly manner. It is quite a different work from Bower's “Description of the Abbeys of Melrose,” given us by the

same donor last year, but with that, helps very materially in getting a proper understanding of that formerly magnificent structure, and now imposing ruin.

One of the sources of information for the historical sketch is the old "Chronicle of Mailross," which was written by the monks of this abbey, covering the period from A. D. 735 to 1270. From this and other works Mr. Pinches gives a condensed story of the various monasteries that have stood upon the banks of the beautiful Tweed; of their abbots, their destruction, their rebuilding.

The plates give an excellent idea of the present appearance of the abbey; and from the many drawings of molds and mullions, niches, canopies, and carvings, details of the once beautiful and rich windows, and other portions, we are enabled to arrive at a very fair realization of the imposing aspect of this once wonderful and costly abbey.

We annex a list of the donations, as well as the statistics for the entire year. The thanks of the Trustees are extended to the donors.

By the courtesy of Mr. G. W. Reynolds, lists of the new books added from time to time have appeared in the *Melrose Journal*.*

DONATIONS.

Books.

The Swedenborg Library	.	.	.	.	.	12 volumes.
G. W. Reynolds	.	.	.	.	.	7 "
Daniel Jefferson	.	.	.	.	.	4 "
S. Z. Bowman	.	.	.	.	.	1 "
Wm. L. Williams	.	.	.	.	.	1 "
W. Irving Ellis, <i>The Melrose Journal</i>	.	.	.	.	.	6 "
Samuel A. Green	.	.	.	.	.	1 "
Samuel Adams Drake, manuscript of "Around the Hub"	.	.	.	.	.	1 "
Holbrook Library	.	.	.	.	.	1 "
Tenth Census of the United States	.	.	.	.	.	1 "
The Census of Massachusetts	.	.	.	.	.	1 "

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Papers.

The Literary World	.	.	.	.	.	Daniel Jefferson.
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Pamphlets.

Annual Report of the Boston Public Library	.	.	.	1
“ “ Chicago “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Beebe “ Wakefield	.	.	.	1
“ “ Bridgport “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Lancaster “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Malden “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Manchester, N. H., Public Library	.	.	.	1
“ “ Newton Public Library	.	.	.	1
“ “ Peabody Institute	.	.	.	1
“ “ Stoneham Public Library	.	.	.	1
“ “ Watertown “	.	.	.	1
“ “ Woburn “	.	.	.	1
The Tuftonian	.	.	.	9
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office	.	.	.	52
Wm. L. Williams: The Daniel Webster Eulogies	.	.	.	41
				114
Number of pamphlets now in the library	.	.	.	676

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Number of volumes in library January 1, 1883	.	.	5,109
“ “ purchased this year	.	.	342
“ “ donated “	.	.	33
			375
“ “ in library January 1, 1884	.	.	5,484
Number of persons using library January 1, 1883	.	.	1,327
“ cards issued this year	.	.	307
“ “ relinquished this year	.	.	15
			292
“ persons using library January 1, 1884	.	.	1,619
Largest number of volumes issued in one day	.	.	445
Smallest “ “ “ “	.	.	44
Average “ “ “ on Mondays	.	.	82
“ “ “ “ on Saturdays	.	.	331
Whole “ “ “ in March	.	.	2,943
“ “ “ “ in October	.	.	2,312
“ “ “ “ in December	.	.	2,618
“ “ “ “ this year	.	.	28,258

Six hundred and nine books have been rebound, and fifty-nine books have been replaced, new for old.

The Library has been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, and Monday evenings, for one hundred and fifty-four days. It was closed three days,—Memorial Day, the 17th of June, and the 4th of July. There were twenty-three stormy days during the library year.

The Librarian and assistants have attended to the duties assigned them, in a manner satisfactory to the Trustees.

We respectfully request the following appropriation for the year 1884: Five hundred dollars and the dog tax.

In behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES C. BARRY,

Secretary.

FREDERIC KIDDER,

ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,

A. A. NICHOLS,

HANNAH LYNDE,

CHARLES C. BARRY,

Trustees.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1883.

MELROSE:

PRINTED BY T. W. RIPLEY.

1884.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR 1883-84.

Chairman, CLIFTON FLETCHER.—Term expires March, 1886.
Secretary, JULIUS S. CLARK “ “ 1885.
 *THOMAS W. RIPLEY “ “ 1884.
 MRS. S. W. BRADBURY “ “ 1884.
 MRS. A. K. MILLER “ “ 1885.
 MRS. J. G. ADAMS “ “ 1886.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	ELECTED.	SALA- RIES.
High	A. G. Whitman	November, 1874.....	\$1,600
High	Emma A. J. Bugbee.	November, 1874.....	800
High	Annette Clark.....	August, 1880	500
First Grammar.....	Harriett C. Fairbanks.....	November, 1880	800
First Grammar.....	Charlotte Bishop.....	September, 1882	500
Sec. Grammar, Emerson St..	Lucy W. Bisbee.....	May, 1867.....	550
	(Present Sub., Belle Mitchel.)		
Sec. Grammar Centre School,	Alice Maud Swett.....	December, 1882.....	550
Third Grammar, Emerson St.	Susan D. Melcher.....	May, 1873.....	550
Third Gram'r, Centre School,	Helen J. Barrett.....	December, 1882	550
Fourth Gram., Centre School,	Mary A. George.....	May, 1880.....	500
Fourth Grammar, Grove St..	K. W. Bascom	September, 1878.....	500
Intermediate, Grove St.....	Ella F. Norris.....	December, 1882.....	450
Intermediate, Vinton St.....	Alice H. Long.....	September, 1877.....	475
Intermediate, Lynde St.....	Effie C. Sweetser.....	September, 1882.....	450
Upper School, Green St.....	Lydia Mendum.....	November, 1874.....	525
Lower School, Green St.....	Hannah K. Harden.....	August, 1881.....	450
Highland (mixed).....	C. E. Sewall.....	August, 1883.....	500
Upham Street (mixed).....	C. L. Hollis.....	March, 1882	450
Primary, Lynde St.....	Mary E. Whitcomb.....	December, 1883.....	450
Primary, Vinton St.....	L. F. Dermot.....	April, 1880.....	450
Primary, Grove St.....	Mary A. Hersey.....	August, 1883	450
Primary, Centre St.....	H. F. Lewis.....	March, 1876	475
Converse School.....	Hannah Gibbons.....	December, 1883.....	400
Music Teacher.....	Mr. C. E. Whiting.....	September, 1879.....	300
			\$132,25

JANITORS.

High School Building, Frank McLaughlin	\$275
Centre School Building, Charles T. Stevens	175
Grove Street Building, Charles Valentine,	175
Green Street Building, Joseph Simonds	100
Lynde Street Building, Wm. F. Serratt	100
Vinton Street Building, Benjamin Stone	100
Upham Street School, Eri Upham	50
Highland School, John Singer	50
Converse School, Joseph Emerson	50
	\$1,075

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Frank McLaughlin. Charles T. Stevens.

Supply day for schools, first Wednesday of each month, 11 A. M.

Regular meeting of School Board, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 4.30 P. M.

*Elected December 1, in place of L. W. Gilman, resigned.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

We present the following official Report, to which we respectfully invite the attention of the friends and citizens of Melrose : —

FINANCES.

Amount appropriated at the Annual Meeting	. \$14,500
Balance from the previous year	. 250
Tuition received from Stoneham	. 450
Received from State and other sources	. 200
Total	\$15,400
Amount paid Teachers	. 12,510
“ “ Janitors	. 1,015
“ “ Committee	. 325
“ “ for coal and wood	. 914
Total	\$14,764
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1884	. 636
	\$15,400

AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Teachers	. \$13,225
Janitors	. 1,075
Committee	. 325
For coal and wood	. 1,000
For new schools	. 575
Total estimate	\$16,200

We recommend for the current year of 1884 an appropriation of \$15,500, in addition to the unexpended balance.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

There was appropriated, at the last March meeting, the sum of \$2,300, and the balance on hand was \$60.42. Some of the larger expenses during the year were for furnishing two new school-rooms, taking the sum of \$500 or more ;

painting High School building, putting in new sinks and pipes, enlarging one school-room, repairing furnaces, etc., amounting to more than \$400. Other expenses were: for rent of Boardman's Hall, enlarging the school-room at the Highlands, concreting walks around the lot on Grove Street, and numerous other things which we need not occupy space to mention. Balance left over is \$80.

We recommend for contingent expenses for the current year an appropriation of \$2,500. Undoubtedly two, if not three, new schools will have to be furnished, and probably two large furnaces for the High School building.

TOWN AGENCY.

This department of the school-work has been carefully and judiciously conducted. Being centrally located, it has afforded a convenient opportunity for pupils to buy their books at cost value. We give the following synopsis from Miss Carrie A. Eastman's Annual Report:—

Cost of books on hand at the beginning of the year .	\$252.26
Cost of books bought during the year	761.69
Total amount.	\$1,013.95
Amount sold and paid into Town Treasury . .	\$789.66
Amount furnished teachers and indigent pupils .	46.93
Amount of books on hand Jan. 1, 1884. . . .	177.36
Total amount	\$1,013.95

TUITION MONEY FROM STONEHAM.

In our last Report, on pages 7 and 8, the obligation of Melrose to receive children from "Green Lane" into its schools, and charge their tuition to the Town of Stoneham, was fully explained, in order to prevent any future loss or embarrassment. It was shown that more than \$1000, justly due to our Town, owing to lapse of time, could not now be legally collected. However, a bill for \$450, covering the past six years, was carefully made up, and presented to the Town. We are happy to say that within a few weeks this

bill has been honored, and the money paid into our Treasury. We trust that henceforth prompt attention will keep this matter all right.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

By request of Mr. J. T. Prince, one of the agents employed by the State Board of Education, a Teachers' Institute was held in Melrose on Tuesday, the 30th of October. The day was beautiful, and there was an attendance of nearly one hundred teachers and school-officers from Winchester, Stoneham, Wakefield, Reading, and our own town. Lectures, with practical illustrations in regard to the best methods of teaching mathematics, the principles of mechanics, the elements of drawing, the art of reading, the proper construction of language, and other topics, were given. While these lectures were, for the most part, a repetition of what is presented at every institute year after year, they were not altogether uninteresting or unprofitable. No doubt many of the teachers received valuable hints and suggestions, and some new inspiration to aid them in their wearisome work. At least, it was pleasant to see in one company so many thoughtful, intelligent persons whose daily employment is educating the hundreds of bright boys and girls in our own and neighboring towns. One of the best things furnished by the Institute was the historical and illustrated lecture of Dr. Boles, of Salem. This was given on Monday evening, preceding the Institute, and was free to the public. Owing, however, to a drenching rain, there were but few people present; but these were richly repaid for braving the unfortunate storm.

NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE ON GROVE STREET.

This fine building was completed and ready for occupation at the beginning of the fall term. Prior to opening the same for school purposes, it seemed proper that some suitable action should be taken to mark an event so intimately connected with the educational interests of our town. Public notice was given, and on Saturday, September 1st, at the appointed hour, a small company of interested friends met

to enjoy the exercises planned for the occasion. These consisted of: Singing by a band of children; Prayer of Dedication and a short Address by Rev. Albert G. Bale; Presentation of Edifice to care of School Board by J. O. Norris, one of the Building Committee; Reponse by the Chairman, and some voluntary remarks by two or three visitors.

Ample opportunity was also given to inspect the building, including the four large school-rooms, with their lofty ceilings, broad chimneys, and open fire-places. Not a few persons found their way down the stairways leading to the basement, and were gratified in walking upon the hard-cemented floor, and closely examining the heating and sanitary arrangements. With some minor criticisms, the general verdict seemed to be that the building was well planned, thoroughly constructed, and finely situated.

On the following Monday three of the new rooms echoed to the quick tread and merry voices of happy school children. One of the schools came from its old location in Boardman's Block; one, from its former place in the Town Hall; and one, a primary, was composed of new scholars.

HIGHLANDS.

This part of our town is rapidly growing. During the past season several new streets have been laid out, and some dozen or more new houses erected. Quite a number of these are large, substantial, and ornamental. There is every reason to believe that this wave of enterprise will continue for a considerable time. It is quite safe to prophecy that the Highlands, from the very nature of things, will continue to grow. The residents, however, firmly believe there is one thing especially essential for their continued prosperity: the demand is urgent for better school accommodation. The Chairman is free to say he believes the time has now come when their demand should be generously met. The eligible lot purchased on Franklin Street more than a year ago should be crowned, the coming season, with a school building, modern, convenient, and architecturally pleasing. Such a building will give great satisfaction to the citizens at the Highlands, and tend

in no small degree to enhance the value of real estate. While the present necessity may not require more than two additional school-rooms, we think it will be wise and economical to erect a building that shall afford ample accommodation for several years to come.

FELLS.

This place is destined to be an important and growing section of Melrose. Some forty, more or less, neat and substantial tenements have been erected during the past fifteen months, and are now occupied with thriving, industrial families. It would not be surprising if nearly as many more tenements made their appearance during the coming season. The number of children is already sufficiently large to necessitate the opening of a new school. Within a few weeks the Committee have taken measures to provide for this necessity. A pleasant and convenient room in the new Chapel Building, at the corner of Main Street and Converse Avenue, has been kindly granted for this purpose by the enterprising proprietors. The school will be called Converse School, and was opened at the beginning of the new year. Miss Hannah Gibbons, one of our Normal School graduates, has been engaged as teacher. It is not expected that the room provided can be retained only for temporary occupation. Within the near future a school building in this part of our town must be erected.

We take pleasure in saying that several months ago the School Board received an invitation from Hon. E. S. Converse to meet him at the Fells, take a view of what had been accomplished, also of the plan of new streets to be laid out. At that meeting the Committee were informed they might make a selection of almost any unoccupied lot deemed most desirable for a school building. It was understood that such a lot would be presented as a gift to the town. Preference seemed to concentrate on a locality on the west side of Washington Street, a short distance north of the Rubber Works. It was thought best, however, to defer a final decision till some further developments.

HIGH-SCHOOL BUILDING.

During the summer vacation there were made several improvements deemed most essential. The most expensive of these was having the outside of the building thoroughly painted. This was done by contract, the work being given to the lowest bidder. We are happy to state it was honorably done, and gives much satisfaction to the passing public. Owing to the large number of scholars in the First Grammar School, situated in the third story, it was found necessary to enlarge the room of the assistant teacher. This was accomplished by moving back a partition and taking in a suitable space of a small, unoccupied room. Another desideratum was the need of water for drinking and other purposes accessible to each room in the building. Hitherto this article, whenever needed by teacher or pupil, could only be obtained by going into the basement. This caused no inconsiderable loss of time during the year, to say nothing of the wearisome toil of passing up and down so many flights of stairs, especially from the upper stories. Besides, during the winter, there were usually several weeks when the pipe would be frozen, and no water could be obtained, even in the basement. After mature consideration it was concluded the whole matter could be, and should be, remedied. Two plumbers were requested to estimate the expense, which was found to be somewhat less than one hundred dollars. Each handed in a written proposal, and the work was given to the lowest. The water-pipe was carried beneath the concrete in the cellar, near to one of the furnaces. Then it passed directly up through the small closets of each room. In each of these closets were placed cast-iron sinks, with self-closing faucets and other conveniences. This improvement is much appreciated.

There was another evil sought to be remedied. During heavy rains, or the melting of snow on the roof, water to some extent found its way occasionally into the basement, making some parts, for a short time, damp and unwholesome. The janitor of the building suggested that possibly laying a course of concrete tight up to the underpinning

on the outside, where were deep crevices, would be the proper remedy. This was done ; but the cure is not perfect. It may be necessary to re-cement the cellar walls.

Considerable expense was laid out in repairing the furnaces, in order that the large school-rooms should be suitably heated during the coldest days of winter ; but under the present heating arrangements there will be, in spite of the best efforts of the janitor, a few severe days, with bitter cold winds, when the rooms will not be sufficiently warm. On such occasions children should be allowed to wear extra wraps ; and, if necessary, teachers will be justified in materially shortening the sessions. It may be wise to put in larger furnaces the coming season. In this, as in all our school buildings, too much pains cannot be taken to have a constant supply of pure air. While the rooms here have especial means of ventilation, no doubt there can be added further improvement. The matter is receiving present consideration. We have mentioned these items that the citizens may know that the School Board have not been unmindful of their responsible duties.

TEACHERS.

We are happy to state there have been but few changes during the year. At the beginning of the fall term Miss Julia M. Porter, who had enjoyed a long rest, resumed her old position at the Centre School. But after teaching two months she was again compelled to resign, owing to feeble health, and this time without the promise, or even expectation, of ever returning to her loved employment. For more than twelve years she had ranked among the foremost of our excellent teachers. After some deliberation, Miss Alice M. Swett, who had taught several years in the higher grade of schools before coming to Melrose, was given the vacant position. There is every reason to expect she will be able to keep the school up to the high standard of the past.

The first of September another resignation came before the Board. Miss Woodruff, who had taught just two years at the Highlands, resigned in order to accept a position in

one of the large schools in the city of New York. She had won a large place in the hearts of her pupils by the constant animation and good cheer which seemed to be an inseparable part of her being. Happily, the Committee were fortunate in filling this vacancy by securing the services of Miss C. E. Sewall, the excellent substitute of Miss Porter during her long absence.

Finally, near the close of December, Miss L. W. Bisbee, after faithfully working as teacher for more than sixteen years, desired leave of absence till the beginning of the next fall term. Though regretting the necessity, this reasonable request was freely granted. To fill this important gap the Committee made choice of Miss Belle Mitchell, who had been principal of one of the large grammar schools in the city of Gloucester for six or seven years. It should also be noted that Miss Mary E. Whitcomb, a young lady of some experience in teaching, and whose friends have recently moved to our town, has been engaged as substitute during the winter term at the Lynde Street Primary, the vacancy being caused by the promotion of Miss Swett.

MUSIC.

We deem it necessary to add but a few words to what we said one year ago. Mr. Whiting has manifested the same zeal and fidelity with which he began his work in our schools over four years ago. While laboring under one disadvantage which somewhat interferes with perfection in music instruction, he has accomplished all that could reasonably be expected. The small salary of \$300, we believe, has been thoroughly earned. As the schools have increased in number, Mr. Whiting has found it necessary to give considerable additional time to his work among our pupils. In order that he may be remunerated in part for this extra labor, he will give, under approbation of the School Board, a choral concert some evening in the early spring.

SCHOOLS.

PRIMARY.

We have now four schools purely of this grade: viz.: H. F. Lewis, at the Centre, with forty pupils; L. F. Dermot, at Vinton Street, with fifty-one pupils; M. A. Hersey, at Grove Street, with forty-one pupils; and M. E. Whitcomb, at Lynde Street, with forty-one pupils,—making a total of one hundred and seventy-three. Besides these, there are no doubt in the four mixed schools at least seventy-seven others, making the grand total of two hundred and fifty. The average age of these little ones is a trifle over seven years.

UPHAM STREET.

One year ago this school had but twenty-one pupils. It has now thirty-five pupils, with a fair prospect of increasing still more the coming year. Miss C. L. Hollis, the teacher, continues to hold a warm place in the hearts of parents and children.

GREEN STREET.

Miss Mendum and Miss Harden are both progressive teachers. They have respectively forty-four and fifty-five pupils. These schools will be better graded and more efficient when a new school building shall be completed at the Highlands.

HIGHLANDS.

This large and ungraded school is now under the excellent teaching of Miss C. E. Sewall. The number of pupils continues to increase; there being now fifty-six, with an average attendance of fifty-two. During the summer vacation the school-room was enlarged by removing the partition and taking in the long entry, and then building a new porch in front. This is a decided improvement, but not all that is needed.

INTERMEDIATE.

These are three in number, under the continued teaching of A. H. Long at Vinton Street, E. F. Norris at Grove Street, and Effie C. Sweetser at Lynde Street. The number of pupils, in the order given, are thirty-four, fifty-three, and fifty-five, or in all one hundred and forty-two. It will be seen that the Vinton Street school is rather too small, while the other two are rather too large. It is a difficult matter to equalize these schools, because parents living on the east side of the railroad are unwilling to send children eight and nine years of age over the track to the west side.

FOURTH GRAMMAR.

There has been no change in teachers, and no change in the character of the work of these schools. Miss George, at the Centre, has but thirty-one pupils, being fifteen less than one year ago; making it, at the present time, the smallest school among our whole number. On the other hand, Mrs. Bascom, at the new building has forty-six pupils, being a gain of two over that of last year. Both teachers are too well known and appreciated to need words of praise.

THIRD GRAMMAR.

There is nothing new to mention in these two schools. The teachers, with their remarkable, quiet persistency, have made their cheerful rooms "busy hives." Miss S. D. Melcher, at the Emerson Street, has "earned a good degree" by over ten years of continuous teaching; while Miss H. J. Barrett, at the Centre, has, with far less experience, made a commendable record. We hope it will be a long time before either, by the enticement of higher pay, will wander off to Cambridge or New Haven.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

These two schools have recently come under the care of new teachers. As they are the only feeders of the next grade above, we are more than anxious that they continue to maintain the excellent standard of the past. It would certainly be wrong to question the ability of such tried and experienced teachers as Miss Swett and Miss Mitchel.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

A new book on Physiology has been introduced, being, it is thought, better adapted to scholars of this grade than the larger one previously used. "The People's Cyclopædia of Universal Knowledge," in three royal volumes, has also been purchased, and placed under the care of the Principal as a permanent work of reference.

The number of pupils in this school is now eighty-four, and the space of the main room is fully occupied. The discipline has continued unexceptionally good, and the method of teaching thorough and stimulating.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Nothing has disturbed the harmony and good work of this school since our last Report. The zeal and fidelity of the same corps of teachers have secured all the results that could reasonably be expected. More than usual effort has been exerted to secure correct composition and penmanship. A pleasing feature of the closing examination was the presentation, according to previous announcement, of a few valuable prizes.

A committee of the Franklin Fraternity, consisting of T. B. Peck, C. C. Barry, and S. H. Buttrick, awarded the first prize in English Composition to Miss Grace A. Small, and the second to Misses Lillie A. Atwood and Agnes Drake.

The subjects for composition were taken from Irving's Sketch Book.

1. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.
2. English Christmas Observances.
3. The Hudson and its Legends.
4. Some of the Beauties of Irving's Style.

Also a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. O. Norris and Louis Robson, awarded the first prize in Algebra to Walter B. Farr, and the prize in Geometry to Abbie G. Small.

The graduating exercises were held in the Town Hall, on Friday evening, June 29th. The hall was completely filled with a large and deeply interested company of people. Five young men and thirteen young ladies received their

well-earned diplomas. The following are the names of the graduates.

LILLIE A. ATWOOD.	† HATTIE A. MANLEY.
* NELLIE E. BARRETT.	MARY G. SARGENT.
* CARRIE P. BODGE.	† GRACE A. SMALL.
AGNES DRAKE.	INEZ E. WORTHEN.
† MARY E. FARR.	† WOODMAN BRADBURY.
ANNIE E. GOULD.	† PERCEY BRYANT.
* MARGIE H. LECRAW.	† WALTER B. FARR.
CARRIE MAY LEONARD.	DANIEL J. HURLEY.
* EDITH L. LORING.	FRED H. SHEPARD.

This list shows the names of Graduates since 1875 that are still in, or have graduated from, other institutions.

Date of Grad.	NAME.	INSTITUTION.	PRESENT EMPLOYMENT,
1875	FRANK G. STANTIAL,	Institute of Technology,	{ Superintendent Cambridge
1876	HATTIE E. LANE,	Salem Normal School,	Ammonia Works.
1877	HELEN J. BARRETT,	Salem Normal School,	At Home.
1877	MARY PARKER,	Baright School of Oratory,	Teaching.
1877	MARY I. VINTON,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1878	BELLE BACON,	School of Oratory,	{ Mrs. Bond, Clif- tondale.
1878	MINNIE B. FARNSWORTH,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1878	LUCY C. SELEE,	Boston University,	Pub. Lib., Boston.
1878	MARY E. UPHAM,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1879	HANNAH GIBBONS,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1879	MARY A. RORKE,	Salem Normal School,	Melrose Journal.
1879	AMY M. STANTIAL,	Institute of Technology,	
1879	GEORGE R. JONES,	Boston University,	Studying Law.
1879	CHAS. H. WASHBURN,	Amherst College,	And'or Theol. Sem.
1879	WM. H. WILLIAMS,	Harvard College.	{ Prof. Moral Phil., Griswold College, Iowa.
1880	FLORENCE M. ELLIS,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1880	ABBY J. VINTON,	Salem Normal School,	Teaching.
1880	MINNIE B. WOODMAN,	Boston University,	
1880	HARRY A. BOARDMAN,	Institute of Technology,	
1880	HENRY J. HERSEY,	Boston University,	
1880	MARK S. W. JEFFERSON,	Boston University,	{ In the National Observatory, Ar- gentine Republic.
1881	MABEL L. GOSS,	Boston University,	
1881	EDITH N. SPEAR,	Salem Normal School.	
1881	CHAS. L. SIMMONS,	Harvard Law School,	
1881	OTIS T. STANTIAL,	Institute of Technology,	
1881	WM. R. WOODBURY,	Tufts College,	
1882	JENNIE F. CONANT,	Smith College,	
1882	ARTHUR W. BARRETT,	Amherst College,	
1882	THOMAS S. BURR,	Williams College,	
1882	GEORGE H. CONANT,	Amherst College,	
1882	CHARLES D. JONES,	Boston University.	
1882	HENRY C. MILLER,	Harvard College,	
1882	EDWARD W. FRENTZ,	Colby University,	
1883	MARY E. FARR,	Coburn Classical Institute,	
1883	HATTIE A. MANLEY,	Salem Normal School,	
1883	ANNIE E. GOULD,	Normal Art School,	
1883	WOODMAN BRADBURY,	Colby University,	
1883	PERCY BRYANT,	Institute of Technology,	
1883	WALTER B. FARR,	Colby University,	

† College Course.

* Classical Course.

Not marked, English Course.

MORALS.

At a meeting of the Board at the beginning of the year, it was voted to furnish each of the public schools one copy of Dr. Richardson's "Temperance Lesson Book." This is a small work, dealing in facts of great practical value. It has recently been introduced into many of the schools of England, and also of our own country. At the above meeting it was further voted, that the teachers be requested to devote one half hour, during each week, to some subject given in this treatise, or in enforcing other principles pertaining to a good moral life.

One of the statute laws of our State expressly says: "It shall be the duty of teachers and instructors of youth to impress on their minds the principles of piety, justice, truth, chastity, sobriety, and temperance, and all other virtues which are the ornament of society and the safeguard of republican institutions." How far the teachers of our schools have complied with these requirements, we are unable to state. We feel certain, however, that the importance of early and continually impressing good morals and habits cannot be overestimated. It is to be deeply regretted that there are in every community no small number of families where these important things are mainly or entirely ignored.

HEALTH OF PUPILS.

This subject is one of such vital importance we cannot forbear adding a little to what we have said in one of our former Reports. In order to accomplish good work in the school-room, children must be in good health, and consequently in good spirits. This is one thing most essential. If allowed to attend late parties, profitable school-work will be out of the question; nature will be too exhausted and too languid to perform any work of real value. The early victims of pallid cheeks, of weak nerves, of deranged systems, and of fell diseases, are far too many in every community. But in most instances these sad evils have been begotten elsewhere, and outside of the school-room and the school-

work. It is not the long walk, nor the few hours of close study,—other things being right,—which break down so many pupils in the bloom of life. The true causes must be sought elsewhere. A large amount of quiet sleep, with plenty of pure air, a proper degree of out-door exercise, and warm clothing suitable for the whole body, are essential for the health of young people. I think we will be pardoned for making the following quotation: “A Boston public-school teacher writes the Board of Health that the very short dresses which little girls wear cause more sickness than all the badly plumbed school-houses in the city; and there is talk of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children taking up the matter.” We add no comments.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUNGER TEACHERS.

The work of the school-room should at all times be calm, quiet, and cheerful. Loud, harsh, and unnatural tones of voice should receive immediate correction. Rudeness in manner or speech, intentional or otherwise, should not be tolerated beyond the shortest limit for thorough amendment. Good rules and good order should be pleasantly but strictly enforced. Pupils must not be allowed to interrupt teachers during recitations, nor to ask questions at any time without first raising the hand and receiving permission. The secret of success is the ability to keep pupils busy, quiet, and interested. Good teachers are those who are cheerful, self-reliant, unruffled, firm, and loving,—who take pains to have every lesson thoroughly understood by every pupil,—who acquire a facility in object teaching, in oral descriptions, and in blackboard sketching,—who are discerning and sympathetic among their pupils, and always enthusiastic in their work.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVANCED TEACHERS.

Too much pains cannot be given to the art of reading. It is one of the finest accomplishments in a good education. There is a constant liability in the higher grades of public schools to give this acquisition too little attention. Under the pressure of other important studies, there is a tendency

to let good reading slip into the background. It sometimes happens there is a marked degeneracy in this respect from the lower to the higher classes. Advanced students are quite liable to drop into faulty habits in the use of language. If they do not altogether murder the King's English, they many times hackle and smother it. Indistinct pronunciation, insipid tones of voice, perverted inflections, wrong modulation or expression, frequently deteriorate the standard of good scholarship. Under the embarrassment of hard, monotonous, and faulty recitations, these blemishes are naturally nourished and strengthened. Now, what is the remedy? It would seem to be this: to have a continued drill in the correct use of language, at least once or twice a week, to the end of the school life,—to allow no marked defects to pass uncorrected in any part of the routine work. Why should not the graduates of our higher schools go out into the world, at least good readers and good conversationalists?

GENERAL REMARKS.

There has been an increase of pupils during the year, of more than enough to form one new school. The maximum number in 1882 was nine hundred and thirteen; and in 1883 it was nine hundred and eighty-seven, being a gain of seventy-four. But the permanent increase at the beginning of the current year, according to returns, is only fifty-four. We regret to say that far too many children, especially boys, are permitted to leave school when not more than twelve or fourteen years of age, and go to work in shops, stores, and factories. This is a matter of serious loss and injustice to all their after-life. It is leaving school at the very point when one or two years added to their education would be of unspeakable value.

It will be noted with pleasure that our High School continues in a very prosperous condition. The maximum number has been ninety-nine, and it closes the year with ninety-five on the register. If we mistake not, this is the largest attendance it has ever reached. The same remarks are equally true in respect to our First Grammar School. The

maximum number has been eighty-nine, and the present roll-call is eighty-four. Several of the lower schools are far too large either for profit or convenience. It will be necessary to organize two or three new schools during the coming year.

We regret to say that the visits of parents have been fewer than could have been desired, more especially as the last Wednesday afternoon of each month is designated "visiting day." On such days may be found the usual recitations, with just a little variety, as each teacher may choose or think desirable. Let it ever be remembered, there is nothing better than a kind personal inspection to qualify a person to judge with fairness in regard to all methods of teaching and discipline.

CLIFTON FLETCHER,

Chairman.

BOOKS USED IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

TEXT-BOOKS. — HIGH SCHOOL.

1. Bradbury's Algebra.
2. Bradbury's Geometry.
3. Norton's Physics.
4. Martin's Civil Government.
5. Payson, Dunton, and Scribner's Book-keeping.
6. Dana's Geology.
7. Lockyer's Astronomy.
8. Gray's Botany.
9. Freeman's History, England.
10. Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar.
11. Jones' Latin Prose Composition.
12. Hanson's Latin Prose Book.
13. Leighton's History of Rome.
14. Goodwin's Greek Grammar.
15. White's Greek Lessons.
16. Jones' Greek Prose Composition.
17. Goodwin's Anabasis.
18. Fyffe's History of Greece (Primer).
19. Boise's Homer's Iliad.
20. Hart's Rhetoric.

21. Brooke's Primer of English Literature.
22. Morris' Chaucer.
23. Kitchin's Spenser's Faery Queene.
24. Sprague's Milton.
25. Hudson's Shakespeare.
26. Sprague's Irving's Sketch Book.
27. Bôcher's Otto's French Grammar.
28. Bôcher's Otto's French Reader.
29. Leighton's Latin Lessons.
30. Greenough's Virgil.

TEXT-BOOKS. — FIRST GRAMMAR.

Franklin's Written Arithmetic.
 Swinton's English Grammar.
 Steele's Fourteen Weeks in Physiology.
 Eclectic History of the United States.
 Appleton's Fifth Reader.
 Appleton's System of Penmanship.
 Intermediate Music Reader. By Julius Eichburg and others.
 Prang's American Text-Books of Art Education.

Supplementary Books.

Keils' Shorter Course of English Grammar.
 Monroe's Fifth Reader.
 Quackenbos' American History for Schools.
 Johonnot's Geographical Reader.
 Samuel Eliot's Selections from American Authors.
 W. Hooker's Child's Book of Nature.
 The People's Cyclopædia (3 vols.). W. H. DePuy.
 Poets' Homes. By R. H. Stoddard and others.
 Cyclopædia of Persons and Places. John D. Champlin.
 " " Common Things. " "
 Anderson's Historical Reader.
 Battles of the American Revolution. Henry B. Cumington.
 Edwards' Analytical Fifth Reader.
 American Poems.
 Brands' Lessons on the Human Body.
 Hutchinson's Physiology and Hygiene.
 Dalton's Physiology and Hygiene.
 Audubon's Grammar School History of United States.
 Seavey's Goodrich's History of United States.
 Browne's Manual of Commerce.
 Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book.

TEXT-BOOKS. — SECOND GRAMMAR.

Franklin's Written Arithmetic.
 Harper's School Geography.
 Swinton's New Language Lessons.
 Eclectic History of United States.

Mason's Intermediate Music Reader.
 Monroe's Fifth Reader.
 Appleton's Writing Book, No. 4.
 Prang's Drawing Book, No. 5.

Supplementary Reading.

Johonnot's Geographical Reader.
 Zigzag Journeys in Northern Lands.
 Three Vassar Girls in England.

TEXT-BOOKS. — THIRD GRAMMAR.

Monroe's Fourth Reader.
 Appleton's Fourth Reader.
 Rest same as Second Grammar.

TEXT-BOOKS. — FOURTH GRAMMAR.

Franklin's Written Arithmetic.
 Eaton's Intellectual " "
 Harper's Introductory Geography.
 Elementary Lessons in English (Mrs. Knox).
 Monroe's Third Reader.

Supplementary Reading.

W. M. Thayer's Life of J. A. Garfield.
 "Harper's Young People" and the "Pansy."
 Appleton's Short Course in Writing, Books Nos. 3 and 4.
 Prang's Drawing Books, Nos. 2 and 3.

TEXT-BOOKS. — INTERMEDIATE.

Monroe's Third Reader.
 Sheldon's Third Reader, Sup.
 Eaton's Intellectual Arithmetic.
 Harper's Introductory Geography.
 Mason's Intermediate Music Reader.
 Prang's Drawing Book, No. 1.
 Short Course Writing, No. 1.
 Dinsmore's Spelling Blanks.

TEXT-BOOKS. — PRIMARY.

Monroe's First Reader.
 Monroe's Second Reader.
 Parker's First Book.
 Appleton's First Reader, Sup.
 Sheldon's Second Reader, "
 Swinton's Second Reader, "
 Stickney's Child's Book of Language.
 Child's First Book in Written Language.
 Calkins' Primary Object Lessons.
 Mason's First Music Reader.
 Perkin's Graded Music Reader.
 Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book, for teacher's use in all the schools.

TABLE OF STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1883.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum number from Jan. 1 to July 1.	Average attendance during same time.	Maximum number from Sept. 1 to Jan. 1, 1884.	Average attendance during same time.	Number of Pupils, Jan. 1, 1884.	Per cent. of attendance for the year.	Average age Jan. 1, 1884.	
							Yrs.	Mos.
HIGH, First Class.....	18	17.5	16	15.6	15	97.6	17	6
Second Class	14	13.6	16	15.6	16	97.6	15	11
Third Class.....	25	23.	25	24.	22	96.	15	8
Fourth Class.....	31	27.	42	41.1	42	95.5	14	11
Totals.....	88	81.1	99	96.3	95	96.7	16	
First Grammar, Emerson Street..	77	68.4	89	82.4	84	92.5	14	2
Second " " ..	44	41.6	45	42.6	44	95.3	13	5
Second " Centre.....	48	41.6	44	38.	39	94.5	13	5
Third " "	43	34.1	57	44.4	46	91.7	11	11
Third " Emerson Street..	38	30.6	53	45.3	50	94.	12	4
Fourth " Centre.....	43	36.	30	28.	31	92.	11	
Fourth, Grove Street.....	47	40.5	46	39.3	46	94.	11	2
Intermediate, Grove Street	41	35.	54	46.9	53	90.7	8	8
Intermediate, Vinton Street.....	36	33.1	37	33.	34	94.8	10	1
Intermediate, Lynde Street.....	50	40.	55	44.	55	95.	9	8
Green Street (upper school).....	44	36.4	46	41.†	44	89.8	11	7
Green Street (lower school).....	54	42.	57	48.7	55	88.	7	
Highlands (mixed).....	57	39.7	64	52.4	56	75.3	7	6
Upham Street (mixed).....	23	20.5	37	30.7	35	91.	7	8
Primary Grove Street..... (New school.)			45	37.5	41	90.8	8	1
Primary, Lynde Street.....	60	45.3	41	31.9	41	89.9	7	6
Primary, Centre.....	70	54.	47	40.	40	91.	6	7
Primary, Vinton Street.....	63	52.	61	49.6	51	91.	6	9
Totals.....	926		987		940	90†		

COURSE OF STUDY OF THE MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL.

	COLLEGE COURSE, 4 YEARS.		CLASSICAL COURSE, 4 YEARS.	ENGLISH COURSE, 3 YEARS.
	1st Year.	2d Term.	3d Term.	4th Term.
1st Year.	Bradbury's Algebra, to Greatest Common Divisor. Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Book-keeping. Allen & Greenough's Latin Grammar, and Leighton's Latin Reader.	Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader.	Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader.	Bradbury's Algebra, to Greatest Common Divisor. Payson, Dunton & Scribner's Book-keeping. Martin's Civil Government.
2d Term.	Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader.	Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader.	Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader.	Algebra, to Section XV. Book-keeping, completed. Civil Government, completed.
3d Term.	Algebra, to Affected Quadratic Equations. History of England: Freeman's Historical Course. Latin Grammar and Reader.	Algebra, to Affected Quadratic Equations. History of England: Freeman's Historical Course. Latin Grammar and Reader.	Algebra, to Affected Quadratic Equations. History of England: Freeman's Historical Course. Latin Grammar and Reader.	Algebra, to Affected Quadratic Equations. History of England: Freeman's Historical Course. History of Greece.
4th Term.	Algebra, reviewed. History of England, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader, completed.	Algebra, reviewed. History of England, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader, completed.	Algebra, reviewed. History of England, completed. Latin Grammar and Reader, completed.	Algebra, reviewed. History of England, completed. History of Greece.
2d Year.	Algebra, completed. Caesar's Commentaries, Book I. Goodwin's Greek Grammar, and White's Greek Lessons.	Algebra, completed. Caesar's Commentaries, Book I. Goodwin's Greek Grammar, and White's Greek Lessons.	Algebra, completed. Caesar's Commentaries, Book I. Martin's Civil Government. Hart's Rhetoric: Longfellow's Evangeline.	Algebra, completed. Norton's Elements of Physics, and History of Rome. Bocher's Otto's French Grammar and Reader. Hart's Rhetoric: Longfellow's Evangeline.
1st Term.	Bradbury's Geometry, Book I. Caesar, Books II. and III. Greek Grammar and Reader.	Bradbury's Geometry, Book I. Caesar, Books II. and III. Civil Government, completed. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.	Bradbury's Geometry, Book I. Caesar, Books II. and III. Civil Government, completed. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.	Bradbury's Geometry, Book I. Physics, and History of Rome. French Grammar and Reader. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.
2d Term.	Geometry, Books II. and III. Caesar, Book IV., and Review. Greek Grammar and Reader. History of Greece.	Geometry, Books II. and III. Caesar, Books IV., and Review. Ancient Geography and History of Greece, History Primers. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.	Geometry, Books II. and III. Caesar, Books IV., and Review. Ancient Geography and History of Greece, History Primers. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.	Geometry, Books II. and III. Physics, and History of Rome. French Grammar and Reader. Rhetoric: Irving's Sketch Book.
3d Term.	Geometry, Books IV. and V. Sallust's Catiline. Greek Grammar and Reader. History of Greece.	Geometry, Books IV. and V. Sallust's Catiline. History of Rome, History Primers. Rhetoric: Whittier's Snow Bound.	Geometry, Books IV. and V. Sallust's Catiline. History of Rome, History Primers. Rhetoric: Whittier's Snow Bound.	Geometry, Books IV. and V. Physics, and History of Rome. French Grammar, to Part II., and Reader. Rhetoric: Whittier's Snow Bound.
4th Term.				

3D YEAR.	Norton's Elements of Physics, and History of Rome. Sallust, completed. Xenophon's Anabasis, Book I. Greek Grammar.	Norton's Elements of Physics, and History of Rome. Sallust, completed. Böcher's Otto's French Grammar and Reader. English Literature: Shakespeare.	Dana's Geology, by notes. French Reader, completed, and Grammar. Brooke's Primer of English Literature: Chaucer.
2d Term.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero's Orations against Catiline, I. and II. Anabasis, Books II. and III. Greek Grammar.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero's Orations against Catiline, I. and II. French Grammar and Reader. English Literature: Shakespeare.	Lockyer's Elementary Astronomy. French Grammar: Le Roman d'un Jeune Homme Pauvre. English Literature: Milton.
3d Term.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero's Orations, III. and IV.; Latin Prose Composition. Anabasis, Book IV. Greek Grammar and Greek Prose Composition.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero's Orations, III. and IV. French Grammar and Reader. English Literature: Spenser.	Gray's Lessons in Botany. French Grammar: Les Fables de La Fontaine. Physical Geography. English Literature: Study of Authors.
4th Term.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero and Sallust, reviewed; Latin Prose Composition. Anabasis, reviewed. Greek Prose Composition.	Physics, and History of Rome. Cicero and Sallust, reviewed. French Grammar, to Part II., and Reader. English Literature: Dryden or Pope.	Botany (Practical Analysis). French Grammar, completed: La Fontaine, completed. Mineralogy, by notes. English Literature: Study of Authors.
4TH YEAR.	Homer's Iliad, Book I. Virgil's Æneid, Books I. and II. Böcher's Otto's French Grammar and Reader. Latin and Greek Prose Composition.	Dana's Geology, by notes. Virgil's Æneid, Books I. and II. French Reader, completed, and Grammar. Brooke's Primer of English Literature: Chaucer.	Scholars are required, on entering the School, to select the Course of Study which they intend to pursue, and will not be allowed to make a change without the consent of the Principal. Regular Exercises in Reading, Declamation, and Composition are continued through each Course.
1st Term.	Iliad, Book II. Æneid, Books III., IV., and VII. French Grammar and Reader. Latin and Greek Prose Composition.	Lockyer's Elementary Astronomy. Æneid, Books III. and IV. French Grammar: Le Roman d'un Jeune Homme Pauvre. English Literature: Milton.	
2d Term.	Gray's Lessons in Botany. Æneid, Books V., VI. and VIII. Iliad, Book III.; Latin and Greek Prose Composition.	Gray's Lessons in Botany. Æneid, Books V. and VI. French Grammar, Les Fables de La Fontaine. English Literature: Study of Authors.	
3d Term.	Botany (Practical Analysis). Æneid, reviewed, and Book IX. French Grammar, to Part II., and Reader. Reviews.	Botany (Practical Analysis). Æneid, reviewed. French Grammar, completed: La Fontaine, completed. English Literature: Study of Authors.	
4th Term.			

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

I. The school year shall consist of forty weeks, beginning the first Monday in September.

II. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted: Every Saturday; Thanksgiving Day, and the remainder of the week; Christmas week; one week, beginning the third Monday in February; one week, beginning the fourth Monday in April; the weeks between the close of summer term and the beginning of the school year; all legal holidays.

III. The daily session of the High School shall begin at 8.30 o'clock A.M., and close at 1.30 o'clock P.M., from December to May; and for the rest of the year it shall begin at 8 o'clock A.M., and close at 1 o'clock P.M. There shall be two recesses,—one of twenty minutes, the other of ten minutes.

The hours for keeping school, except the High School, shall be from 9 o'clock A.M. until 12 M., with a recess of twenty minutes; and from 2 P.M. until 4 P.M., with a recess of ten minutes in Primary and Intermediate Schools. No variation from these hours shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee. On very stormy days in winter the schools may hold one session and close at 1 o'clock P.M.; except Primary, which may close at 12 o'clock.

IV. In case of stormy weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit forenoon or afternoon sessions, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before 8 A.M. or a quarter before 12 M. When afternoon sessions are omitted on account of storm, the forenoon sessions will continue till 1 o'clock, except Primary Schools.

V. Teachers shall be in their school-rooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the schools, admitting pupils, beginning promptly at the hours specified.

VI. Teachers shall hear all recitations.

VII. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule. But, for the purpose of observing modes of discipline and instruction, teachers may visit other schools to the extent of one half-day

each term, at such times as may be arranged between them and the sub-committee of the respective schools.

VIII. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

IX. Teachers shall not detain pupils after the close of the morning session.

X. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils for violent or pointed opposition to authority, informing the parent or guardian and the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

XI. "The several school-teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned."* A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

XII. It shall be the duty of the teacher to report at once, in writing, to the Chairman of Committee, every case of corporal punishment; which report shall state the name and age of the pupil, the amount of punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

XIII. It shall be the duty of all the teachers to give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their schoolrooms.

XIV. No teacher shall contract a bill for repairs on any school buildings, furniture, or grounds, or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the Town.

XV. In case of absence, tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the session, a written excuse from the parent or guardian shall be required. The younger classes in Primary Schools are to be dismissed at recess. All cases of habitual truancy shall be reported to the Committee.

XVI. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a permit from some one of the Committee, who will require satisfactory evidence that the child is five years of age, and has been vaccinated; and no pupil will be admitted to any of the Primary Schools except during the first two weeks of each term, unless qualified to enter existing classes.

XVII. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the Committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the Committee, and the Town Assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to town agent

* Revised Statutes.

must have the name of parent or guardian. Books furnished indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

XVIII. Pupils absent one month, except on account of sickness, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee.

XIX. No non-resident child, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the town, shall be received or retained in any school, except with the consent of the School Committee, who may require parent or guardian of such child to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child is instructed there.

XX. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring school-houses, school furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the Committee deem proper.

XXI. Pupils are not allowed in school yards after school hours, or during vacations or holidays; are not allowed in other school yards than their own at any time, unless sent with messages. No pupil shall be permitted to leave the school yard at recess, except with permission of the teacher.

XXII. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in any of the schools without the consent of the Committee.

XXIII. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

XXIV. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep and dust each schoolroom and entry twice every week; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter; yards, free from tall grass, weeds, and litter; close gates when schools are not in session; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property; prepare and put in the coal and wood, and practice rigid economy in its use, and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

Janitors shall not contract a bill for repairs on any of the school buildings, furniture, or grounds; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town, unless authorized by the Committee.

WARRANT

FOR

TOWN MEETING,

MARCH 3, 1884.

WARRANT

To Either of the Constables of the town of Melrose, in the county of Middlesex.

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the town of Melrose, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the third day of March, A. D. 1884, at twelve o'clock M., then and there to act on the following articles, viz :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes, on one ballot, for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, Public Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, three Auditors and Constables. Upon a separate ballot, to bring in their votes for two members of the School Committee for three years. Upon a separate ballot to bring in their votes in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be : "Yes" or "No."
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To hear and act upon the report of the Finance Committee appointed at meeting held Nov. 13. 1883.
6. To raise money for Schools.
7. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
8. To raise money for Highways.
9. To raise money for Sidewalks.
10. To raise money for Crossings and Gutters.
11. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
12. To raise money for the Fire Department.
13. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lamps.
14. To raise money for Additional Street Lamps.
15. To raise money to pay Watchmen and Policemen.

16. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
17. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
18. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.
19. To raise money for the Public Library.
20. To raise money for Water, maintenance, and use of, also to pay cost of constructing works for past year.
21. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.
22. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges and Culverts.
23. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.
24. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.
25. To see if the Town will build the extension of Foster Street as laid out and accepted and raise money for the same on petition of John Buffum and others.
26. To see if the Town will build a school-house at the Highlands in accordance with the report of the committee at last town meeting and appropriate money for the same on petition of Joel Snow and others.
27. To see if the Town will build and grade Washington Street according to plan of County Commissioners and raise or appropriate money for the same on petition of William Scrannage and others.
28. To see if the Town will appropriate \$200 for keeping in repair and decorating the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day, the same to be placed in the hands of the Memorial Day Committee of Post 4 G. A. R. on petition of D. W. Gooch and others.
29. To see if the Town will accept an alteration of the lines of Rowe Street north of Emerson Street as made by the Selectmen.
30. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to ascertain the cost of a new water main from Spot Pond, also the cost of a new gate house at the pond.
31. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the providing of school accommodations for that part of the Town in the vicinity of the Rubber Works.

32. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to consider the providing of a suitable drinking fountain for horses in winter.

33. To see if the Town will pay any part of the expense of placing granite edgestone on the sidewalk line opposite estates.

34. To see if the Town will appropriate money to employ either alone, or in conjunction with the town of Wakefield, a superintendent of schools on petition of F. S. Hesseltine and others.

35. To hear and act on the reports of committees and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of public worship, and at the depots, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

DANIEL NORTON, JR., } Selectmen
HENRY G. FIELDS, } of Melrose.

A true copy. Attest,

ANSEL B. PIERCE, Constable.

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE

FOR THE

Financial Year ending December 31, 1884.

MELROSE:
PRINTED BY THOMAS W. RIPLEY.
1885.

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1884-85.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

DANIEL NORTON.

HENRY G. FIELDS.

WILLIAM BOYNTON.

Town Clerk.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Treasurer.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

Collector.

LEWIS G. COBURN.

Assessors.

HERBERT H. WESTGATE.

GEORGE F. BOARDMAN.

DEXTER PRATT.

Water Commissioners.

JOSEPH D. WILDE, *Chairman* (resigned April, 1884).

WINGATE P. SARGENT, *Chairman* (elected to fill vacancy).

W. IRVING ELLIS Term expires 1885.

WILBUR D. FISKE " " 1886.

Superintendent of Water Works and Clerk of Board of Water Commissioners.

ADDISON LANE.

Commissioners of Water Loan Sinking Fund.

DANIEL RUSSELL, *Chairman* Term expires 1887.

ROYAL P. BARRY " " 1885.

JOHN W. FARWELL " " 1886.

School Committee.

JULIUS S. CLARK, *Chairman* Term expires 1885.

CLIFTON FLETCHER " " 1886.

MRS. MARTHA A. ADAMS " " 1886.

MRS. SARAH W. BRADBURY " " 1887.

MRS. A. K. MILLER " " 1885.

THOMAS W. RIPLEY " " 1887.

Trustees of the Public Library.

ELBRIDGE H. GOSS.

THOMAS B. PECK.

CHARLES C. BARRY.

HANNAH LYNDE.

PHCEBE A. NORRIS.

Auditors.

JOHN R. NORTON.

FRANK E. ORCUTT.

GILBERT N. HARRIS.

Constables.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN.

Registrars of Voters.ALFRED HOCKING, *Chairman* . . . Term expires May 1, 1887.

WALTER BABB . . . " " " 1886.

JOHN B. SOUTHER . . . " " " 1885.

JOHN LARRABEE, *Town Clerk* . . .**Representative in the General Court.**

JOHN W. FARWELL.

Engineers of the Fire Department.A. WILBUR LYNDE, *Chief*.

WALTER B. ELLIS.

DEXTER PRATT, *Clerk*.**Measurer of Wood and Bark, Weigher of Hay and Coal.**

SETH E. BENSON.

Surveyor of Lumber.

HENRY A. LEONARD.

Committee on Cemeteries.

GEORGE NEWHALL. DANIEL RUSSELL. JOHN LARRABEE.

Fence Viewer.

DEXTER PRATT.

Field Drivers.

OTIS HOWARD.

FRANK GIBBONS.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

Pound Keeper.

W. TRUMAN HOWARD.

Police Officers.FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN, *Chief*.

A. WILBUR LYNDE.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

ARTHUR C. TAPLEY.

HENRY B. NEWHALL.

OSBORNE E. DROWN.

JOSEPH HOLBROOK.

THOMAS MARSHALL.

CHARLES T. STEVENS.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MELROSE:—

We herewith submit our annual report for the financial year ending December 31st, 1884.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Your attention is called to recent legislation concerning contagious diseases.

[ACTS OF 1884. CHAP. 98.]

SECT. 1. When a householder knows that a person within his family is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the selectmen or board of health of the town in which he dwells; and upon the death, recovery, or removal of such person, the rooms occupied and the articles used by him shall be disinfected by such householder in a manner approved by the board of health. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with either of the above provisions shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECT. 2. When a physician knows that a person whom he is called to visit is infected with small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other disease dangerous to public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof to the selectmen or board of health of the town; and if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall forfeit for each offence not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars.

SECT. 3. The boards of health in the several cities and towns shall cause a record to be kept of all reports received in pursuance of the preceding sections, and such record shall contain the names of all persons who are sick, the localities in which they live, the diseases with which they are affected, together with the date and names of the persons reporting any such cases. The boards of health shall give the school committee immediate information of all cases of contagious diseases reported to them according to the provisions of this act.

[ACTS OF 1883. CHAP. 124.]

SECT. 2. No railroad corporation, or other common carrier or person, shall convey or cause to be conveyed, through or from any city or town in this Commonwealth, the remains of any person who has died of small-pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or typhoid fever, until such body has been so encased and prepared as to preclude any danger of communicating the disease to others by its transportation; and no local registrar or clerk shall give a permit for the removal of such body until he has received from the board of health of the city, or the selectmen of the town, where the death occurred, a certificate, stating the cause of death, and that said body has been prepared in the manner set forth in this section, which certificate shall be delivered to the agent or person who receives the body.

By the above it will be seen that it is the duty of the Selectmen, acting as a Board of Health, to keep a record of all cases reported to them.

The cases reported during 1884 have been as follows: Diphtheria, 7; scarlet fever 11; typhoid fever, 11. Total, 29.

We have appointed O. E. Drown as a sanitary police officer, whose duty it shall be to visit all places where the above diseases exist, and at the proper time to see that the premises are thoroughly fumigated, disinfectants used, etc.

HIGHWAYS, DRAINAGE, AND SIDEWALKS.

The streets are in good condition, and we recommend an appropriation of same amount as last year. Repairs have been made on drains, bridges, and culverts where needed.

The advantages of good sidewalks and crossings are apparent to all. We would advise an appropriation the present year as large as that of 1884; a portion, say one-quarter, to be used in connecting detached sections as may be deemed necessary or desirable, in accordance with provisions of law. We would also recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars for the repair and recoating of such portions of the sidewalks as are broken or worn out. This is urged by many of our citizens.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

By an act of the Legislature of 1884, it became the duty of your Selectmen to appoint a new board of officers whose duties should be to take charge of all matters pertaining to the registration of voters. We accordingly appointed:—

JOHN B. SOUTHER, to serve until May 1, 1885.

WALTER BABB, “ “ “ “ “ 1886.

ALFRED HOCKING, “ “ “ “ “ 1887.

Who, together with the Town Clerk, constitute the Board.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

During the year 1883 a petition was received from persons who were all owners of horses, asking that an article might be inserted in the warrant as follows: “To see if the town will erect a drinking fountain for horses, that can be of use in winter, to be located near the Town Hall, &c.” A committee was appointed, who reported at the last annual meeting, recommending that the Town purchase a fountain similar to one now in use in a neighboring town. It was so voted, and your Selectmen were appointed to purchase. After a thorough investigation, we became convinced that an iron fountain would not accomplish the desire of the petitioners, or, as we believe, the intent of the Town, viz., to furnish a fountain that would “*be of use in winter.*” We have therefore placed at the corner of Upham and Main Streets a stone fountain, which, if not particularly ornamental, will certainly prove substantial and useful. Thus far it has stood the test of the recent extremely cold weather, and the water has continued to flow without freezing.

STATE AID.

The limitation of time for the payment of State Aid has been extended to the first day of January, 1890.

We have continued to pay to invalid pensioners and their dependent relatives such amounts as would be approved by the State Commissioners, as heretofore.

MEMORIAL DAY.

We append a statement received from the Commander of Post 4, G. A. R., concerning the expenditure of the amount raised at the last annual meeting, and recommend that a similar appropriation be made for the present year.

Memorial Day Committee, Post 4, G. A. R.

To Cash received from Geo. Newhall, Town Treasurer	\$200 00
Paid R. Powers & Son, for five headstones	\$115 00
“ Cemetery Committee for foundations	7 00
“ “ “ “cleaning up graves and setting out flowers .	5 00
“ C. Casey and H. E. Wiley for flowers	25 83
“ M. F. Eastman, teaming . .	2 00
“ Suffolk Iron Works for standards	22 55
“ Flags and printing same . .	5 85
“ Balance remaining on hand . . .	16 77
	\$200 00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN C. GOULD, <i>Chairman</i> ,	} <i>Memorial</i> <i>Day</i> <i>Committee.</i>
CHAS. O. BOYD,	
CLARK B. BALDWIN,	
ALFRED HOCKING,	
JAMES MARSHALL,	

TOWN POOR.

By reference to the financial columns of this report, it may be seen that the bills for the support of the insane comprise fully one-third of the entire expense of this department for the year. Eleven persons of this class have been boarded in different hospitals for the whole or a part of the year, at an expense of \$1,578.17. Of this number, seven may be classed among the harmlessly insane, who might be safely cared for in a town alms-house, if we were provided with one. Of those who are at present fully supported, and

who would properly become inmates of an alms-house, there are seven males and eight females, who, mostly aged and infirm, are wholly incapacitated for labor.

The whole number of those who have received more or less aid during the year is one hundred and twelve. Of this number, ninety-three have been aided temporarily,—forty-four of whom have their settlements in other places, for whose support we are to be reimbursed.

The expense of this department has been less than that of the previous year by \$1,504.89. This was owing to the abundance of labor, at good wages, attendant upon the growth of the town, which continued from early spring far into the winter months.

As we go to press this mid-winter, the usual signs of destitution are showing themselves. We believe that the executive officer has shown no lack of vigilance, or of faithfulness, in preventing suffering, or in the disbursement of this fund.

While we have always insisted upon strict economy of administration in all the departments of the town, we know that *suffering* cannot be limited by figures or appropriations, and that the spirit of our poor laws should seek rather to prevent than to alleviate suffering, whatever may be the exigency of the times or of circumstances. For the details of expenditure, see page of contents.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL NORTON,
HENRY G. FIELDS,
WILLIAM BOYNTON.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETINGS.

Annual Meeting, March 3, 1884. 12 M.

ARTICLE 1 OF THE WARRANT. To choose a Moderator.

Levi S. Gould chosen by unanimous vote.

ART. 2. To bring in votes for Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and other officers; votes for two School Committee to be on a separate ballot.

To bring in votes, also upon a separate ballot, in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be "Yes" or "No."

Voted, That the officers elected by ballot this day shall consist of three Selectmen, who shall also be Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors, one Clerk, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, three Assessors, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, five Library Trustees, three Auditors, three Constables, and two School Committee for three years.

Polls opened.

Voted, That the polls be closed at 5.15 P. M.

Voted, That when this meeting adjourns it be to Monday evening, March 10th, 1884, and that the transaction of town business, other than voting, be postponed to that time.

Henry G. Fields and Herbert H. Westgate were appointed to check the voting lists, and Joel Snow, John R. Jones, and George A. Tainter were appointed to sort and count the ballots cast; all being duly sworn, as required by law, to faithfully discharge their duties.

Polls were closed at 5.15 P. M., and the result of the balloting was declared by the Moderator, as follows:—

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Highway Surveyors—Daniel Norton, Jr., Henry G. Fields, William Boynton. *Town Clerk*—John Larrabee. *Town Treasurer*—George Newhall. *Collector of Taxes*—Lewis G. Coburn. *Assessors*—Herbert H. Westgate, Dexter Pratt, George F. Boardman. *Water Commissioner for Three Years*—Joseph D. Wilde. *Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for Three Years*—Daniel Russell. *Library Trustees*—Elbridge H. Goss, Charles C. Barry, Thomas B. Peck, Hannah Lynde, Phæbe A. Norris. *Auditors*—John R. Norton, Frank E. Orcutt, Gilbert N. Harris. *Constables*—Ansel B. Pierce, Frank M. McLaughlin, Samuel Lear. *School Committee for Three Years*—Thomas W. Ripley, Sarah W. Bradbury.

LICENSE QUESTION.

“Yes,” eighteen votes; “No,” two hundred and thirty-five votes.

Voted to adjourn.

Adjourned Meeting, March 10, 1884. 7.30 P. M.

ART. 3. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Measurers of Wood and Bark, Weighers of Hay and Coal—Seth E. Benson, James McIntyre. *Surveyor of Lumber*—Henry A. Leonard. *Committee on Cemeteries*—George Newhall, Daniel Russell, John Larrabee. *Field Drivers*—Otis Howard, H. B. Newhall, Frank Gibbons, W. Truman Howard. *Fence Viewers*—Dexter Pratt, George P. Fuller. *Pound Keeper*—W. Truman Howard.

ART. 4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.

Voted unanimously, To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money, with the approval of the Selectmen, in such sums, and

on such terms, and for such time, as may be found for the interest of the Town, as a temporary loan in anticipation of the taxes of the current year, which loan is hereby made payable from such taxes, —the amount borrowed not to exceed eighteen thousand dollars at any one time.

ART. 5. To hear and act upon the report of the Finance Committee appointed at a meeting held November 13, 1883.

Report of Committee read and accepted.

ART. 6. To raise money for schools.

Voted, To raise fifteen thousand five hundred dollars for the support of schools.

ART. 7. To raise money for school contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise two thousand five hundred dollars for school contingent expenses.

ART. 8. To raise money for highways.

Voted, To raise three thousand eight hundred dollars for highways.

Voted, That two-thirds of the sum raised be expended before May 31, 1884.

ART. 9. To raise money for sidewalks.

Voted, To raise one thousand dollars for sidewalks, said sum to be expended for concrete walks, under direction of the Selectmen, according to provisions of laws accepted by the Town, relating to sidewalks, by which abutters pay one-half the expense, and that the Selectmen be instructed to connect the concrete walks already laid, so far as the interests of the Town will in their judgment be best subserved by their doing so, and assess the abutters therefor if necessary.

ART. 10. To raise money for crossings and gutters.

Voted, To raise two hundred dollars for concrete crossings and gutters.

ART. 11. To raise money for the support of the poor.

Voted, To raise five thousand dollars for the support of the poor.

ART. 12. To raise money for the Fire Department.

Voted, To raise two thousand dollars for the expenses of the Fire Department.

ART. 13. To raise money for the lighting and care of street lamps.

Voted, To raise eighteen hundred and four dollars for the lighting and care of street lamps, and that thirty-four of the lamps be lighted with gas.

ART. 14. To raise money for additional street lamps.

Voted, To raise one hundred dollars for additional street lamps. That one-half of the amount raised be expended for lamps to be placed at the Highlands, north of Melrose Street, and the other half for lamps to be placed on Main Street, between the gasometer and Malden line.

ART. 15. To raise money to pay watchmen and policemen.

Voted, To raise twelve hundred dollars to pay watchmen and policemen.

ART. 16. To raise money for contingent expenses.

Voted, To raise nine hundred dollars for contingent expenses.

ART. 17. To raise money to pay interest on the Town debt.

Voted, To raise six thousand dollars to pay interest on the Town debt.

ART. 18. To raise money for the reduction of the Town debt.

Voted, To raise five thousand dollars for the reduction of the Town debt.

ART. 19. To raise money for the Public Library.

Voted, To raise five hundred dollars for the Public Library, and that the dog tax when received be appropriated for the same purpose.

ART. 20. To raise money for water, maintenance and use of; also to pay cost of constructing works for past year.

Voted, To raise two thousand dollars for the use of the water.

ART. 21. To raise money for salaries of Town officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.

Voted, To raise eighteen hundred dollars for the payment of salaries, and that the Town officers be paid the same as last year.

ART. 22. To raise money for drainage, bridges, and culverts.

Voted, To raise five hundred dollars for drainage, bridges, and culverts.

ART. 23. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year, and for all other necessary expenses of the ensuing year.

Voted, To raise for deficiencies six thousand two hundred and

twenty-three dollars and fifty-two cents, viz.: Water, cost of constructing works 1883, \$4,024.78; Poor Fund, \$1,364.25; Insurance, \$69.80; Town Hall account, \$493.69; Police, \$18; Military aid, \$253. Total, \$6,223.52.

Voted, To raise three hundred dollars for insurance of town property.

Voted, That the unexpended balances from last year be added to the appropriations for this year, and credited to the several departments.

ART. 24. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

Voted, That all taxes be made payable on or before Oct. 1, 1884, and that interest be added upon all taxes remaining unpaid after that date, at the rate of six per centum per annum; that all property on which the taxes remain unpaid on June 1, 1885, be sold by the Collector, in accordance with the provisions of law.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will build the extension of Foster Street as laid out and accepted, and raise money for the same, on petition of John Buffum and others.

Upon a motion to appropriate money for the building of the street,—not a vote.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will build a school-house at the Highlands, in accordance with the report of the committee at last town meeting, and appropriate money for the same, on petition of Joel Snow and others.

Voted, That the sum of eight thousand dollars be appropriated to build a school-house at the Highlands, on land purchased by the Town for that purpose, substantially in accordance with the plans of the committee appointed for that purpose, and that a committee of five citizens be appointed to carry into effect the provisions of this vote.

Voted, To adjourn to Tuesday evening, March 11, 1884, 7.30 P. M.

Adjourned Meeting, March 11, 1884, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will build and grade Washington Street, according to plan of County Commissioners, and raise or appropriate money for the same, on petition of William Scranage and others.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone.

ART. 26.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow eight thousand dollars for the erection of a school building on Franklin Street, Melrose Highlands, said money to be subject to the order of committee to build said building, all bills for the same first being approved by the Selectmen.

Committee appointed.—Joel Snow, Rufus A. White, Thomas W. Ripley, Daniel J. Prior, John W. Farwell.

NOTE.—Mr. D. J. Prior declined serving, and Mr. Moses S. Page was appointed by the Moderator.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will appropriate \$200 for keeping in repair and decorating the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day, the same to be placed in the hands of the Memorial Day Committee of Post 4, G. A. R., on petition of D. W. Gooch and others.

Voted, To raise two hundred dollars, said sum to be placed in the hands of the Memorial Day Committee of Post 4, G. A. R., to be expended for the keeping in repair and decoration of soldiers' graves in this town.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will accept an alteration of the lines of Rowe Street north of Emerson Street, as made by the Selectmen.

Report read.

Voted, To accept the alteration.

ART. 30. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to ascertain the cost of a new water main from Spot Pond; also, the cost of a new gate-house at the pond.

Report read and accepted. Committee granted further time.

ART. 31. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the providing of school accommodations for that part of the town in the vicinity of the Rubber Works.

Report read and accepted.

Voted, That the thanks of the Town be extended to Hon. E. S. Converse, for his kindness and liberality in providing school accommodations at the Fells, and for his generosity in offering a lot of land for a school building.

ART. 32. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to consider the providing of a suitable drinking fountain for horses in winter.

Voted, To raise two hundred and fifty dollars, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, for the purchase of a fountain similar to one now in use in square at Stoneham.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will pay any part of the expense of placing granite edgestone on the sidewalk line opposite estates.

Voted, To indefinitely postpone.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will appropriate money to employ either alone, or in conjunction with the town of Wakefield, a superintendent of schools, on petition of F. S. Hesseltine and others.

On motion to appropriate, — not a vote.

ART. 35. To hear and act on the reports of committees and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Report of Selectmen on guide-boards presented and accepted.

Report of the committee appointed to settle with Moses Briggs, Tax Collector for year 1830, received and accepted.

Voted, unanimously, That the thanks of the Town be presented to Levi S. Gould, Esq., for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duties as Moderator of this meeting, and for his faithful service in the past, this being the thirty-eighth time he has been elected to the office, and the sixty-first meeting, including adjourned meetings of the Town, over which he has presided.

After remarks by Mr. Gould,

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1884.

March 10.

Schools, support of	\$15,500 00
School contingent expenses	2,500 00
Highways	3,800 00
Crossings and gutters	200 00
Sidewalks	1,000 00
Poor, support of	5,000 00
Fire Department	2,000 00
Street lights, lighting and care of	1,804 00
Additional street lamps	100 00
Police and night watchmen	1,200 00
Contingent expenses	900 00
Interest on Town debt	6,000 00
Reduction of " "	5,000 00
Public Library Dog tax and	500 00
Water, use of	2,000 00
Salaries, Town officers	1,800 00
Drainage, bridges, and culverts	500 00
Deficiencies in accounts, 1883	6,223 52
Insurance	300 00

March 11.

Memorial Day	200 00
Drinking Fountain	250 00
	\$56,777 52

Unexpended balances from last year to be added. Treasurer authorized to borrow eight thousand dollars for the building of school-house at the Highlands.

Nov. 12.

For free supplies in public schools, to be raised in taxes for year 1885	\$2,000 00
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Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1884. 7 A. M.

ARTICLE 1. To bring in votes for National, State, and County Officers.

Polls opened promptly.

The Standard ballot-box, furnished by the State, used for the first time.

John R. Jones, H. H. Westgate, and Victor C. Kirmes were appointed to check the lists, and duly sworn.

Polls closed at 4.45 P. M. The result of the voting was declared as follows: —

Presidential Electors.

	Votes.
Republican	577
Democratic	419
Prohibition	43
People's Party	21

For Governor.

George D. Robinson of Chicopee . . .	657
William C. Endicott of Salem . . .	347
Julius H. Seelye of Amherst . . .	39
Matthew J. McCafferty of Worcester .	21

For Lieutenant-Governor.

Oliver Ames of Easton	665
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield . . .	341
Henry H. Faxon of Quincy	39
Albert R. Rice of Springfield	19

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Henry B. Peirce of Abington	685
Jeremiah Crowley of Lowell	325
George Kempton of Sharon	32
John P. Sweeney of Lawrence	21

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

Daniel A. Gleason of Medford . . .	682
Charles Marsh of Springfield . . .	326
Charles B. Knight of Worcester . . .	36
Nathaniel S. Cushing of Middleboro' . . .	20

For Auditor.

Charles R. Ladd of Springfield . . .	682
John Hopkins of Millbury . . .	326
William W. Sherman of Lowell . . .	36
Israel W. Andrews of Danvers. . . .	20

For Attorney-General.

Edgar J. Sherman of Lawrence . . .	682
John W. Cummings of Fall River . . .	327
Samuel M. Fairfield of Malden . . .	35
Thomas W. Clarke of Boston . . .	20

For Representative, Sixth Congressional District.

Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant . . .	644
Henry B. Lovering of Lynn . . .	393
William F. Johnson of Lynn . . .	23

For Councillor, Sixth District.

Abraham B. Coffin of Winchester . . .	683
Thomas H. Hill of Woburn . . .	328
George A. King of Concord . . .	32
Lewis Towey of Lawrence . . .	20

For Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

John M. Harlow of Woburn . . .	684
John M. Cate of Wakefield . . .	328
Henry Lummis of Stoneham . . .	32
William F. Young of Wakefield . . .	20

For County Commissioner.

J. Henry Read of Westford	. . .	683
William H. Hastings of Framingham	. . .	329
William T. Fuller of Lowell	. . .	32
Edward Fitzwilliam of Watertown	. . .	20

*For Representative to the General Court, Ninth
Middlesex District.*

John W. Farwell of Melrose	. . .	565
Francis S. Hesselstine of Melrose	. . .	468
Frank L. Stevenson of Melrose	. . .	23
Royal P. Barry of Melrose	. . .	1

Total number of ballots cast, 1,064.

ARTICLE 2. To choose a Moderator to preside for the transaction of town business.

Chose Levi S. Gould.

Voted, to adjourn to Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1884, at 7.30 P. M.

Adjourned Meeting Nov. 12, 1884, 7.30 P. M.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will accept the Jury List as revised.

Voted, to accept the list, viz. : —

Allen, William H.
Bailey, Thomas T.
Barrett, Artemas
Barrett, David A.
Baker, George A.
Bennett, Francis
Bryant, Dexter
Church, Asa
Cochran, Nelson
Collier, William S.
Dill, Jesse A.
Denton, Joseph
Dowling, Isaac C.
Eastman, Moses F.
Elliott, J. Maxwell
Emery, Salter
Faxon, Gustavus A.
Fernald, James H.
Fuller, George P.
Freeman, L. Thomas
Gage, Charles E.
Gridley, Oliver L.
Gordon, Curtis S.
Goss, Allen C.
Gilman, Levi W.
Hayward, Paul
Haggett, Albion

Howe, F. Edward
Heath, Nathaniel H.
Higgins, Charles W.
Hill, Aaron, Jr.
Hood, Wendell P.
Ingalls, Horace S.
Jones, John R.
Lynde, Andrew
Loring, Eleazar
Merrill, Lemuel
Maker, John C.
Moore, Eugene H.
McIntyre, James
Meleney, George B.
Nickerson, Lemuel
Norris, Edward J.,
Palmer, Frank T.
Prentice, Charles
Remick, William A.
Sewall, John S.
Snow, Eugene A.
Stewart, William H.
Upham, Benjamin R.
Vinton, Aaron
White, Ira J.
Wiley, Henry E.
Wood, Joseph

ART. 4. To see if the Town will appropriate two thousand dollars for free supplies for the public schools, by request of the School Committee.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of two thousand dollars for the purchase of free supplies for

the public schools, said sum to be raised in the taxes for the year 1885.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will authorize the payment for grading the land of the new school-house at the Highlands out of the unexpended balance appropriated to purchase said land, all bills to be approved by the Selectmen, by request of the Building Committee.

Voted, That the sum of two hundred dollars be transferred from the appropriation for the purchase of the land to the appropriation for building the school-house, and that it be expended for grading the grounds about the building.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will accept from the Hon. E. S. Converse, as a gift, a piece of land for a school-building.

Voted, unanimously, That the thanks of the Town be extended to Hon. E. S. Converse for his generous offer, and that the matter of selecting a site for a building be left with the School Committee.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept a street running from Hurd Street, now called Circuit Street.

Voted, To accept the street when the several parties owning land upon the same shall release all claims for damages to the Town, and that it be called Circuit Street.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will accept a street running from Cottage Street to Florence Street, the same being an extension of Hurd Street.

Voted, To accept the street, to be called Hurd Street.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will accept an extension of Emerson Street easterly, and a street running from said extension northerly to Porter Street, now called Orient Avenue.

Voted, to accept the streets when the several parties owning land upon the same shall release all claims for damages to the Town, to be called Emerson Street and Orient Avenue. .

ART. 10. To see if the Town will accept a street running from Bellevue Avenue to Emerson Street.

Voted, to accept the street when the several parties owning land upon the same shall release all claims for damages to the Town, to be called Hillside Avenue.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will accept a street running from Franklin Street southerly, now called Warren Street.

Voted, To accept the street when the several parties owning

land upon the same shall release all claims for damages to the Town, to be called Warren Street.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will accept a street running from Warren Street to Vinton Street, now called Orris Street.

Voted, To accept the street, when the several parties owning land upon the same shall release all claims for damages to the Town, to be called Orris Street.

ART. 13. To hear and act on the reports of committees, and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Voted, That Royal P. Barry, S. E. Benson, George A. Mansfield, John B. Souther, Isaac Emerson, H. H. Westgate, E. R. Cleaveland, F. S. Hesseltine, and Nathaniel P. Jones be a committee to examine and report the amounts to be raised and appropriated by the Town at the next annual March meeting.

Voted, To adjourn *sine die*.

STATISTICS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

	<i>Births.</i>	<i>Marriages.</i>	<i>Deaths.</i>
January	8	5	6
February	6	1	9
March	14	1	7
April	13	7	11
May	13	1	8
June	7	6	2
July	12	4	3
August	13	3	6
September	12	2	7
October	9	7	5
November	12	15	8
December	12	4	8
	131	56	80

BIRTHS.

Number registered	131
Males	66
Females	65
	131

Of the above number, 116 were born in Melrose and 15 were born in other places.

Born of American parents	83
of foreign parents	34
of American father and foreign mother	10
of foreign father and American mother	4
	131

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	54
Both parties residing in Melrose	29
But one party residing in Melrose	24
Neither " " " "	1
	54

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	56
Less than last year	2
Both parties American	41
Both parties foreign	5
Parties American and foreign	10
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First marriage of persons ,	94
Second marriage of persons	18

112 — 56 couples.

DEATHS.

Whole number registered	80
More than last year	2
Had residence elsewhere	2
Males (married)	9
Females (married)	19
Widows	7
Widowers	3
Males (single)	6
Females (single)	5
Male children	20
Female children	11
	— 80
Under one year (still-born or premature birth, 4)	18
From 1 to 5	10
5 " 10	3
10 " 20	3
20 " 30	9
30 " 40	6
40 " 50	4
50 " 60	4
60 " 70	12
70 " 80	4
80 " 90	6
Over 90	1
	— 80
Oldest person, Mr. Henry Dyer, aged 90 years 1 month 6 days.	
American parentage	53
Foreign parentage	19
Mixed parentage	8
	— 80

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Five public meetings of the Board of Registrars were held for registration in October and November.

Two hundred and five persons appeared and were registered. Fifty-two of the number had been disqualified by reason of non-payment of taxes.

Total number of male voters now on Register, 1,193.

Female voters entitled to vote for School Committee, 24.

JURORS DRAWN DURING YEAR.

March 1. Fernando C. Taylor.

Hiram Cobb.

May 23. John Buffum.

Joseph S. Eastman.

James L. Withey.

Samuel Lear.

Oct. 13. Emery Close.

Alfred T. Lunt.

Number of persons liable to do military duty as certified by the Assessors, 1,053.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed during the year 1884 — 254 males and 28 females; total, 282.

Amount paid to County Treasurer, as required by law, \$591.60.

ORDERS.

Number of orders drawn on Town Treasurer — 1624, for the sum of \$50,973.63.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO JANUARY 1, 1885.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

High School.

Alonzo G. Whitman, one year	.	.	\$1,600	00
Emma A. J. Bugbee, “	.	.	800	00
Annette E. Clark, six months	.	.	300	00
Annette E. Clark, eleven weeks	.	.	151	25
Hattie G. Ricker, one month and four days			62	85
				\$2,914 10

Grammar Schools.

FIRST.

Harriet C. Fairbanks, one year	.	.	\$800 00	
Charlotte A. Bishop, “	.	.	500 00	
				1,300 00

SECOND (EMERSON STREET).

Belle Mitchell, six months	.	.	\$330 00	
Lucy W. Bisbee, four months.	.	.	220 00	
			<u> </u>	550 00

SECOND (CENTRE).

Alice M. Swett, one year	550 00
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THIRD (EMERSON STREET).

Susan D. Melcher, one year	.	.	.	.	.	550 00
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THIRD (GROVE STREET).

Helen J. Barrett, one year	.	.	.	.	.	550 00
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FOURTH (CENTRE).

Mary J. George, one year	.	.	.	.	.	500	00
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FOURTH (GROVE STREET).

Kate W. Bascom, one year	.	.	.	.	.	500 00
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MIXED GRAMMAR (HIGHLANDS).

Lydia Mendum, one year	525 00
	\$5,025 00

Intermediate Schools.

Alice H. Long (Vinton St.), one year	. \$475 00	
Effie C. Sweetser (Lynde St.), “	. 450 00	
Ella F. Norris (Grove St.), six months	. 270 00	
Emma Perley “ 15 weeks	. 168 75	
Grace Small “ one week	. 11 25	
Belle Mitchell (Highlands), 3 months .	. 135 00	
Emma Randlett (Centre), four months	. 180 00	
		\$1,690 00

Primary and Mixed Schools.

Hannah K. Harden (Green St.), six months	\$270 00	
L. J. Davis (Highlands), four months	. 180 00	
C. E. Sewall “ 21 weeks .	. 262 50	
H. E. Kneeland “ 3 weeks .	. 37 50	
Belle Mitchell “ one month	. 50 00	
C. L. Hollis (Upham St.), 37 weeks .	. 416 25	
Alma J. Guptill “ 3 weeks	. 33 75	
Mary E. Whitcomb (Lynde St.), 6 months.	270 00	
Mary E. Whitcomb “ 4 “	. 160 00	
Lucy F. Dermot (Vinton St.), 6 months	. 270 00	
Lucy F. Dermot “ 4 “	. 200 00	
Mary I. Hersey (Grove St.), one year	. 450 00	
Hannah F. Lewis (Centre), six months	. 285 00	
Hannah F. Lewis “ two months	. 100 00	
Hannah F. Lewis “ one month	. 55 00	
H. E. Kneeland “ one month	. 45 00	
Hannah J. Gibbons (Fells), one year	. 400 00	
		\$3,485 00

Music and Elocution.

C. E. Whiting, six months . . .	\$180 00	
C. E. Whiting, four “ . . .	140 00	
		\$320 00
W. F. Wentworth		36 00
		\$356 00

Janitors' Salaries.

F. M. McLaughlin (High School building) .	\$288 36	
Charles T. Stevens (Centre) . . .	174 96	
Charles F. Valentine (Grove St.) . .	174 88	
Joseph W. Simonds (Green St.) . .	74 97	
Charles H. Fuller (Highlands) . .	54 42	
William F. Serrat (Lynde St.) . . .	99 96	
Benjamin Stones (Vinton St.) . . .	24 99	
Orice K. Stebbins " . . .	41 65	
Anthony A. Rich " . . .	33 31	
John Singer (Highlands) . . .	39 66	
Eri Upham (Upham St.) . . .	53 36	
Joseph S. Emerson (Fells) . . .	16 68	
		\$1,077 20

School Committee. — Salaries 1883-84.

Clifton Fletcher, <i>Chairman</i> . . .	\$75 00	
Julius S. Clark . . .	50 00	
Thomas W. Ripley . . .	12 50	
Sarah W. Bradbury . . .	50 00	
Arethusa K. Miller . . .	50 00	
Martha A. Adams . . .	50 00	
		\$287 50

School Supplies.

Mrs. A. K. Miller, services as disbursing agent .	\$66 34
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Fuel.

S. E. Benson, wood and coal . . .	\$958 26	
J. McCarthy, charcoal . . .	31 84	
		\$990 10

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' salaries	\$13,470 10
Janitors' "	1,077 20
Committee "	287 50
Supply Agent, salary	66 34
Fuel	990 10
	\$15,891 24

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$15,500 00
Balance from last year	636 01
Received from State	197 76
	\$16,333 77
Balance unexpended	442 53
	\$16,333 77

SCHOOL CONTINGENT EXPENSES. *21070*

EXPENDED.

Books, Stationery, Supplies, etc.

D. Appleton & Co.	\$296 22
Harper & Brothers	193 20
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co	24 12
Iverson, Blakeman & Taylor	24 50
W. L. Williams	3 00
C. H. Whiting	133 32
Knight, Adams & Co.	476 57
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser	58 96
J. L. Hammett	270 89
J. W. C. Gilman & Co.	1 50
Cowperthwait & Co.	3 30
Thompson, Brown & Co.	103 25
Boston School Supply Co.	26 40
Ginn, Heath & Co.	96 09
Wm. Ware & Co.	188 54
George F. King & Merrill	137 59
T. W. Gilson	58 00
Maynard & Noyes	15 00
	\$2,110 45

General Repairs, Buildings, Grounds, etc.

Benjamin Ames, stock and labor	\$199 84
O. N. Kennard, concrete walks	154 40
W. B. Ellis, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense 289 yards concrete . .	43 35
Nelson Cochran, surveying concrete	2 75
Richard Whowell, stock and labor	20 22
D. R. Woodward, " " "	195 30
Samuel Ellison, mason work and material . .	57 26
Daniel Sheehan, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days' labor	6 12
W. Emery & Co., inside blinds	91 20
J. S. Eastman, ventilators and labor	107 65
Albon W. Parker, glazing	3 60
Holbrook & Hunt, plumbing	2 75
J. C. Howes, repairing furnaces, stoves, plumbing, etc.	420 45
George W. Dew, painting and glazing	147 70
S. P. Rowell, shades, etc.	28 32
Thomas Kirwin & Co., cleaning vaults	25 00
O. K. Stebbins, " "	5 00
	\$1,510 91

Furniture.

Buffalo School Furniture Company, desks, etc. .	487 05
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight	18 65
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture	28 50
	\$534 20

Printing.

T. W. Ripley, extra reports	8 00
G. W. Reynolds, circulars, etc. . . .	20 00
W. L. Williams, pay-rolls, etc. . . .	19 25
Babb & Stephens, programmes	11 00
	\$58 25

Sundries.

M. S. Page, clocks	20 00
D. M. White, tuning and repairing piano . .	3 00
Lemuel Merrill, keys	1 75
J. H. Daniels, diplomas	19 50
H. F. Lewis, filling out diplomas	4 90

Amount carried forward \$49.15

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	\$49.15
C. G. Harris, ribbon for diplomas	.	.	.	.	4 56
O. Lappen & Co., brushes, mats, etc.	.	.	.	.	45 30
Geo. H. Mason, dusters, etc.	.	.	.	.	9 13
Bigelow & Dowse, shovel, etc.	.	.	.	.	1 55
Robert Burlen, record books	.	.	.	.	12 75
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	.	.	.	.	7 40
L. W. Gilman, “	.	.	.	.	2 13
W. E. Locke, expressing	.	.	.	.	8 60
M. F. Eastman, “	.	.	.	.	23 05
Walter Sanborn, teaming	.	.	.	.	75
Harry Stevens, expressing	.	.	.	.	3 75
T. W. Ripley, binding books	.	.	.	.	4 50
E. Thayer, conveying children from Swain's Pond	.	.	.	.	31 50
F. M. McLaughlin, truant officer	.	.	.	.	16 30
C. O. Saunders, trees and planting	.	.	.	.	11 00
Henry F. Miller, piano	.	.	.	.	250 00
Fuller, Leonard & Small, piano cover	.	.	.	.	3 00
J. R. Colby, chemicals	.	.	.	.	58
C. A. Eastman, book agent	.	.	.	.	33 66
					\$518 66

RECAPITULATION.

Books, stationery, supplies, etc.	.	.	.	.	\$2,110 45
General repairs	.	.	.	.	1,510 91
Furniture	.	.	.	.	534 20
Printing	.	.	.	.	58 25
Sundries	.	.	.	.	518 66
					\$4,732 47

CONTRA.

Appropriation (March)	.	.	.	\$2,500 00
Balance from last year	.	.	.	80 58
Received from C. A. Eastman for books sold	156 45			
Appropriation (additional)	.	.	.	2,000 00
				\$4,737 03
Balance unexpended.	.	.	.	\$4 56
				\$4,737 03

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$900 00
Balance from last year	82 53

RECEIPTS.

For auctioneers' licenses :—

Moses Briggs	\$2 00	
John R. Jones	2 00	
		4 00

From Crystal Lake Fishing Association, rent of pond one year	10 00
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For lock-up fees	4 50
	\$1,001 03

EXPENDED.

John Garfield, M. D., returning 5 births, 1883 .	\$1 25
Julius S. Clark, M. D., " 26 " " .	6 50
Charles C. Odlin, M. D., " 12 " " .	3 00
George B. Langmaid, M. D., " 5 " " .	1 25
Annie M. Selee, M. D. " 6 " " .	1 50
W. F. Stevens, M. D., " 1 " " .	25
P. Wadsworth, M. D., " 2 " " .	50
A. H. Cowdrey, M. D., " 2 " " .	50
C. B. Shute, M. D. " 3 " " .	75

John Larrabee, collecting, recording, and returning births, deaths, and marriages, 1883 . . .	82 50
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John Larrabee, cash paid, stationery, postage, etc. .	8 40
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John Larrabee, services preparing reports, 1883, register of voters, check lists, State aid, etc. .	50 00
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F. S. Hesseltine, retainer and services :—

Johns vs. Town	\$50 00	
Woods " "	50 00	
Other legal services	15 00	
		115 00

W. L. Williams, printing warrants, notices, voting lists, advertising, etc.	165 13
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Amount carried forward	\$436.53
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$436.53
H. B. Newhall, posting notices	5 00
George C. Stantial, services on committee, settling collectors' accounts, 1878, 1879, 1880	25 00
J. A. Dill, lunch, election day	4 00
G. W. Reynolds, printing notices	4 00
W. R. Warren, document boxes	10 75
T. W. Ripley, printing reports, 1883	183 25
A. B. Pierce, posting and distributing warrants, no- tices, and other services rendered	50 25
A. B. Pierce, returning 53 deaths, 1884	13 25
Samuel Sprague, ringing bell	6 00
Samuel Lear, " "	6 00
Walter C. Stevens, " "	4 00
F. M. McLaughlin, " "	6 00
Babb & Stephens, printing orders, etc.	18 50
T. W. Ripley, printing books for assessors	9 00
Joseph McIntire, printing book for Collector	6 00
Peter D. Meston, binding book	1 25
S. E. Eastman, stamps	4 00
Cunninghams' Express, expressing ballot-box	65
Harry Stevens, expressing	2 60
M. F. Eastman, " "	2 55
W. E. Locke, " "	90
G. W. Bartlett, carriage hire	16 50
French & Fitch, engrossing and framing testimonial to Moderator	25 00
H. H. Westgate, expense, stamps and stationery	1 50
Battery "C" M. V. M., firing salute July 4	50 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, record book for Registrars	1 00
Secretary of the Commonwealth, record book for Reg- istrars	2 20
	\$895 68
Malden Firemen's Relief Association, services rendered by department	100 00
	\$995 68
Balance unexpended	5 35
	\$1,001 03

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

For Groceries, Provisions, Supplies, etc.

William H. Wells, groceries	\$38 10
Bugbee & Barrett, groceries and provisions	313 86
L. F. Hinckley, " " "	101 50
L. W. Gilman " " "	58 00
James Worthen " " "	139 16
Frost & Hawes, " " "	28 00
W. H. Converse, " " "	11 62
Lawrence Leonard, supplies and rent Kelley family	156 00
Angevine Bros., milk	3 41
J. A. Dill, bread	26 85
	\$876 50

Fuel.

M. F. Eastman	6 26
S. E. Benson	114 94
James Marshall	86 94
B. R. Upham	10 00
William Knollin	3 50
Frank R. Upham	2 50
	\$224 14

Medical Attendance, Medicines, and Nurses.

J. Vincent Smith, M. D.	\$11 00
Julius S. Clark, M. D.	49 00
Charles C. Odlin, M. D.	41 50
John Larrabee, medicines	40 30
Maria Dean, nursing and boarding	40 00
Michael Kelly, labor	5 72
Sarah Sanborn, nursing and boarding	33 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$220 52

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$220 52
Susan Barron, nursing	20 00
Daisy Young, nursing	4 00
O. K. Stebbins, labor	12 00
Charity Elms, labor	6 00
	\$262 52

For Support of Insane.

Danvers Lunatic Hospital	\$774 26
Asylum for Chronic Insane, Worcester	267 56
Worcester Lunatic Hospital	536 35
	\$1,578 17

Burial Expenses.

A. B. Pierce, undertaker, services, etc.	43 00
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Outside Relief.

City of Boston	49 26
Town of Woburn	62 25
City of Malden:—	
Board of Ezra Waitt, 1 year	\$208 00
“ “ Asa Slocumb, “	208 00
Board and aid to E. C. Grover and	
K. Lyman	39 00
	455 00
	\$566 51

Rents.

B. R. Upham, 11 weeks, Mrs. Stinson	\$11 00
W. J. Farnsworth, rent and supplies to Martha J. Paine	20 50
Charles Ramsdell, 52 weeks, J. H. Howes	52 00
Dexter Bryant, 11 months, Dennis Sullivan	22 00
John W. Cobb, 6 months, Mrs. Robert H. Terry	24 00
Estate T. J. Kimball, 1 month	5 00
George B. Rogers, 2 months, Eunice B. Snow	16 00
James Eaton, 10 1-2 months, Abigail Fuller	31 50
	\$182 00

Board and Clothing.

Abbie Barter, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 26 weeks .	\$78 00
Abbie Barter, hat for Phœbe M. Waitt . . .	0 75
Florence E. Upham, board of Arthur J. Richardson, 58 weeks	58 00
Florence E. Upham, clothing for Arthur J. Richardson,	15 50
Mrs. Ann Stebbins, board of Abigail Connor, 12 mos.	156 00
A. M. Conway, board of Margaret Harris, 53 weeks .	132 50
E. J. Barron, board of Lucy Barron, 11 months .	143 00
Mrs. Eliza McCalman, board of Eliza C. Grover, 12 weeks	36 00
C. S. Jones, board of Stephen Hyde, 50 weeks . .	150 00
Jane H. Furber, board of Abbie G. Fuller, 17 weeks .	34 00
Kate Gallagher, board of Phœbe M. Waitt, 6 weeks .	24 00
	\$827 75

Sundries.

C. G. Harris, dry goods	\$14 27
H. G. Fields, boots and shoes	93 45
A. B. Pierce, removing persons	3 00
S. F. Barrett, tickets	1 40
H. G. Fields, expense fares, etc.	17 90
G. W. Bartlett, carriage hire	16 50
W. E. Locke, moving goods	1 25
O. E. Drown, 15 meals to tramps	3 75
Samuel Sprague, 44 meals to tramps	11 00
William L. Williams, printing orders	6 00
M. F. Eastman, filling tick	1 00
	\$169 52

RECAPITULATION.

Groceries, provisions, supplies, etc.	.	.	.	\$876 50
Fuel	.	.	.	224 14
Medical attendance, medicines, and nursing	.	.	.	262 52
Support of insane	.	.	.	1,578 17
Burial expenses	.	.	.	43 00
Outside relief	.	.	.	566 51
Rents	.	.	.	182 00
Board and clothing	.	.	.	827 75
Sundries	.	.	.	169 52
				<u>\$4,730 11</u>

CONTRA.

Appropriation	.	.	.	\$5,000 00
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Receipts.

From City of Boston	.	.	.	47 75
“ Somerville	.	.	.	81 00
Town of Beverly	.	.	.	28 50
“ Falmouth	.	.	.	23 50
Peter Edgerly, board of daughter	.	.	.	170 92
Mrs. James Cassell, board of husband	.	.	.	14 08
Post 4, G. A. R., burial G. W. Elliott	.	.	.	10 00

\$5,375 75

Balance unexpended	.	.	.	645 64
				<u>5,375 75</u>

Claims have been presented by the Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, and are now due this department, as follows:—

Commonwealth of Mass.	.	.	.	\$160 38
City of Boston	.	.	.	82 48
“ Somerville	.	.	.	19 38
Town of Beverly	.	.	.	51 88
“ Falmouth	.	.	.	15 75
“ Stoneham	.	.	.	68 75
“ Woburn	.	.	.	10 53
“ Millbury	.	.	.	9 38
City of Cambridge	.	.	.	145 90
				<u>\$564 43</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	155 21
Expended	<u>\$2,155 21</u>

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1.

Services of 25 men	\$500 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Edwards Brothers, repairs on truck	100 00
M. F. Eastman, hauling truck to fires	21 00
Harry Stevens, hauling truck	6 00
S. E. Benson, coal	2 65
A. W. Parker, painting	10 00
A. Goodno, laying floor	43 00
	<u>\$722 65</u>

Russell Hose Company, No. 1.

Services of 15 men, one year	\$300 00
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Co., 8,000 feet gas	21 05
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	56 93
Edwards Brothers, repairs on carriage	6 75
J. C. Howes, furnace, etc.	92 22
G. W. Bartlett, horse hire	22 00
Hose Co., expense on carriage	12 00
	<u>\$550 95</u>

N. D. Blake Hose Company, No. 2.

Services of men, one year	\$298 33
Services of steward, one year	40 00
Malden and Melrose Gas. Co., 9,200 feet gas	24 28
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	23 70
Hose Co., expense hauling carriage	14 00
Wm. Fanley, labor	3 68
Albon W. Parker, tinting ceiling	4 75
L. W. Gilman, rent 9 mos.	112 50
	<u>\$521 24</u>

Highland Hose Company, No. 3.

Services of men, one year	\$278 33
Services of steward, one year	40 00
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	29 10
Hose Co., expense hauling carriage	4 00
Edwards Brothers, step	10 00
J. L. Holbrook, plumbing	3 45
	\$364 88

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Board of Engineers (1883), services 6 months	\$37 50
“ “ “ (1884), “	54 00
R. M. Rand, care of Endeavor Engine	15 00
A. J. Morse & Son, couplings	2 50
Harry Stevens, expressing	30
W. E. Locke, “	75
S. E. Benson, coal for steamer	2 38
M. F. Eastman, coal and wood for steamer, carting, etc.	22 00
G. W. Bartlett, stabling steamer horses	4 00
L. F. Hinckley, sundries	1 68
Bugbee & Barrett, “	15 18
J. A. Dill, coffee, etc.	13 16
C. M. Clapp & Co., rubber coats	37 75
	\$206 20

RECAPITULATION.

Bigelow Hook and Ladder Company	\$722 65
Russell Hose Company	550 95
N. D. Blake Hose Company	521 24
Highland Hose Company	364 88
Contingent expenses	206 20
	\$2,365 92

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Balance from last year	155 21
	\$2,155 21
Expenditures exceed	210 71

\$2,365 92

TOWN HALL.

Samuel Sprague, janitor, 11 months	\$275 00
“ “ expense for sundries	15 75
Osborne E. Drown, janitor, 1 month	25 00
“ “ expense for repairs	2 00
S. E. Benson, coal	248 00
Ingalls & Kendrick, repairing boiler	58 71
Samuel Ellison, labor and material repairing boiler	6 00
W. A. Goodno, repairs, stock, and labor	14 10
Edwards Brothers, repairing lawn mower, etc. . . .	3 85
J. L. Hammett, settee castings	9 60
Malden and Melrose Gas Light Co., 129,400 feet gas	340 58
A. W. Parker, glazing	3 50
John Larrabee, disinfectants, etc. . . .	3 10
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	1 68
Hall Rubber Company, piano cover	5 00
D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	5 30
M. McCarthy, charcoal	2 00
Harry Stevens, moving piano	2 00
	\$1,021 17

RECEIPTS.

For use of hall :—

Orthodox Congregational Society	\$65 00
Unitarian Society	25 00
Baptist Society and S. School	40 00
Universalist Society	30 00
Trinity Church	30 00
United Order Workmen	25 00
Athletic Association	37 00
Firemen's Ball	25 00
Odd Fellows	25 00
Independents	70 00
Democratic party	25 00
Republican party	25 00
Spaulding's Bell Ringers	25 00
Melrose Lyceum	200 00
	\$647 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$647 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$647 00
For rent of room :—	
Melrose Savings Bank, 1 year	100 00
	\$747 00
Expenditures exceed	274 17
	\$1,021 17

STATE AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of amount paid during the year 1883	\$702 00
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PAID DISABLED SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENT RELATIVES DURING YEAR 1884.

Samuel Sprague	\$36 00
George C. Bucknam	60 00
William Story	60 00
George A. Tainter	36 00
Luzon Weeks	18 00
Joseph S. Eastman	15 00
Sarah Barrett	48 00
Mary F. Howard	48 00
Maria G. Colson	48 00
Helen E. Poole	48 00
Angus McDonald	24 00
Charles H. Young	72 00
Daniel D. Penney	24 00
James F. Ramsey	9 00
Ann M. Jewett	8 00
Harriet N. Lynde	20 00
Rebecca H. French	24 00
Mary D. Pratt	4 00
Alvin Drake, Jr.	27 00
Benjamin F. Gibbs	12 00
Sarah P. Roberts	28 00
	\$669 00

MILITARY AID.

Received from State Treasurer on account of aid paid in 1883	\$253 00
[Sums paid under provisions chap. 252 Acts of 1879.]	
Daniel D. Penney	20 00
George W. Grover, Jr.	72 00
Philip McMahan	30 00
Moses P. Mitchell	16 00
Ede K. Chase	72 00
William B. York	96 00
Horace W. Stevens	60 00
Benjamin F. York	25 00
	\$391 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$1,804 00
Balance from last year	113 82
	\$1,917 82

EXPENDED.

Globe Gas Light Co., for lighting and care of 139 lamps, 3 months	\$386 10
140 " 2 "	259 26
	\$645 36
Wheeler Reflector Co., for lighting and care of 111 lamps, 1 month	99 90
113 " 5 months	507 56
119 " 1 month	107 10
	714 56
Malden and Melrose Gas Light Co., for lighting and care of 29 lamps, 6 months	272 37

Repairs.

Wheeler Reflector Co.	25 00
Malden and Melrose Gas Light Co.	35 77
	\$1,693 06
Balance unexpended	224 76
	\$1,917 82

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD STREETS.

Balance from last year	\$71 39
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EXPENDED.

For Labor.

James Marshall, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$2.50	18 13
Laborers, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.76	36 08

For Teams.

James Marshall, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	10 88
	<u>\$65 09</u>
Balance unexpended	6 30
	<u>\$71 39</u>

GUIDE BOARDS.

Balance unexpended (appropriation 1878)	\$24 75
Albon W. Parker, painting and furnishing signs	6 00
Balance	<u>\$18 75</u>

DRINKING FOUNTAIN.

Appropriation	\$250 00
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EXPENDED.

Patrick Cullen, one stone fountain	150 00
Balance unexpended	<u>\$100 00</u>

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid to Committee of Post 4, G. A. R., E. C. Gould	
Chairman	200 00

ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Balance from last year	62 40
	\$162 40

EXPENDED.

Wheeler Reflector Co., 7 iron posts, frames, and copper lanterns	99 05
Harry Stevens, expressing	7 90
	\$106 95
Balance unexpended	55 45
	\$162 40

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Received from Amos Stone, County Treasurer, dog tax of 1883, refunded	509 83
	\$1,009 83
Paid E. H. Goss, Treasurer, on order from Trustees	1,009 83

SUPPRESSION LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Balance unexpended	\$271 80
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EXPENDED.

Wiggin & Wood, detectives	85 80
Balance unexpended	\$186 00

ARMORY RENT.

Henry A. Leonard, rent of building 1 year, to Jan. 1, 1885	\$600 00
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INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$6,000 00
Balance from last year	226 18
Received as interest collected on taxes from	
Jona. C. Howes, 1881	83
" " 1882	24 44
" " 1883	742 24
Lewis G. Coburn, 1884	51 66
	819 17
	\$7045 35

EXPENDED.

Interest on Town Hall bonds (\$65,000) at 7 per cent.	\$4,550 00
on note to Lowell Institution for Savings	1,200 00
on notes to Commonwealth of Mass.	300 00
on notes to Melrose Savings Bank	219 33
on note of \$12,000 to H. A. Willis, Treasurer	480 00
	\$6749 33
Balance unexpended	296 02
	\$7045 35

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$1,800 00
Balance from last year	763 89
	\$2,563 89

EXPENDED.

Estate of Joseph F. Boyd (services 1883).	\$100 00
Daniel Norton, Selectman	200 00
William Boynton, "	200 00
Henry G. Fields, Selectman and Chairman of Overseers of Poor	250 00
Amount carried forward	\$750 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	.	750 00
John Larrabee, Town Clerk	.	.	.	.	175 00
George Newhall, Treasurer	.	.	.	.	300 00
Herbert H. Westgate, Assessor	.	.	.	.	150 00
Dexter Pratt, Assessor	.	.	.	.	150 00
George F. Boardman, Assessor	.	.	.	.	150 00
John R. Norton, Auditor, 1883	.	.	.	.	15 00
Frank E. Orcutt, Auditor, 1883	.	.	.	.	15 00
Gilbert N. Harris, Auditor, 1883	.	.	.	.	15 00
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, collecting taxes of 1882, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on \$19,880.41	.	.	.	.	\$99 40
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, 5 per cent. on simple poll taxes, \$319.59	.	.	.	.	15 98
					115 38
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, collecting taxes of 1883, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent. on \$39,910.40	.	.	.	.	\$199 55
Jonathan C. Howes, Collector, 5 per cent. on simple poll taxes, \$832.05	.	.	.	.	41 60
					241 15
Moses Briggs, Collector, collecting taxes of 1880, $\frac{1}{2}$ of one per cent on \$21,749.10					108 74
Moses Briggs, Collector, 5 per cent. on simple poll taxes, \$485.24	.	.	.	.	24 28
					133 02
					\$2,209 55
Balance unexpended	.	.	.	.	354 34
					\$2,563 89

MELROSE WATER FUND.

Dr.

Paid interest on bonds, \$150,000, at 6 per cent. per annum	.	.	.	.	\$9,000 00
bills on account of construction and maintenance for the year 1884	.	.	.	.	6,981 33
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	.	15,981 33

Amount brought forward	\$15,981 33
Paid Treasurer of Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners, per order, surplus of maintenance account for 1883	3,472 82
Town Treasurer, cash paid on ac- count of construction, 1883	551 96
	\$20,006 11

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Town appropriations :—

For use of the water	\$2,000 00	
For cost of construction, 1883	4,024 78	
		6,024 78
Received from Addison Lane, Super- intendent and Water Registrar, cash at various times, water rates collected, etc., for 1884	14,869 90	
		\$20,894 68
In treasury to the credit of the fund	\$888 57	

INSURANCE.

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED.

H. H. Westgate, agent, policies on Town Hall	\$525 00	
H. W. Westgate, agent, policy on Town Hall piano	11 25	
Royal B. Leighton, agent policies on High- land School Building and furniture	170 00	
William D. Serrat, agent policies on High School Building	337 50	
		\$1,043 75
Expenditures exceed		\$743 75

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation \$1,200 00

EXPENDED.

Police Service.

H. B. Newhall, 51 hours	\$12 75
A. B. Pierce, 20 hours	5 00
George Campbell, 32 hours	8 00
Joseph Holbrook, 282 hours	70 50
Frank M. McLaughlin, 438 hours	109 50
A. Wilbur Lynde, 36 hours	9 00
C. T. Stevens, 19 hours	4 75
O. E. Drown, 63 hours	15 75
	\$235 25

Night Watch.

First half, 4 hours.

George Campbell, 175 nights	\$175 00
Osborn E. Drown, 190 nights	190 00
	365 00

Second half, 5 hours.

Henry B. Newhall, 366 nights	457 50	
		822 50
George W. Bartlett, carriage hire		22 00
John P. Lovells' Sons, hand-cuffs		4 75
		1,084 50
Balance unexpended		115 50
		\$1,200 00

DRAINAGE.

Appropriation	\$500 00
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EXPENDED.

James Marshall, labor, 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ days @ \$2 50 .	\$65 63	
“ team, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ @ 1 50 .	10 13	
“ laborers, 139 $\frac{3}{4}$ days @ \$1 76	245 96	
		321 72
Waldo Brothers, 42 feet 18 inch pipe .	\$33 60	
“ 40 “ 8 “ “ .	9 01	
		42 61
M. F. Eastman, teaming	5 65	
J. P. Deering, lumber	13 55	
		\$383 53
Balance unexpended	116 47	
		\$500 00

CROSSINGS AND GUTTERS.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Balance from last year	65 44
	\$265 44

EXPENDED.

Walter B. Ellis, for laying 328 $\frac{1}{3}$ yards concrete cross- ings, at 40 cents per yard	\$131 32
Walter B. Ellis, for laying 239 yards concrete gutters, at 30 cents per yard	71 73
	\$203 05
Balance unexpended	62 39
	\$265 44

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$3,800 00
Balance from last year	116 47
	\$3,916 47

EXPENDED. — FOR REMOVING SNOW.

A. W. Lynde :—

14 days labor, at \$1.76 per day .	\$24 64	
9 “ “ “ \$1.75 “ .	15 75	
Horse, 12 days, at \$1.50 per day .	18 00	
		\$58 39

James Marshall :—

13 $\frac{3}{4}$ days labor, at \$2.50 per day .	\$34 37	
36 $\frac{3}{4}$ “ “ “ \$1.76 “ .	64 68	
Horse, 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ days at \$1.50 “ .	31 12	
		130 17

Robert Philpot :—

35 $\frac{1}{2}$ days labor, at \$1.76 per day .	\$62 48	
Horse, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ days at \$1.76 “ .	22 00	
“ 2 “ “ \$1.50 “ .	3 00	
		87 48
		\$276 04

FOR LABOR.

James Marshall :—

109 $\frac{3}{4}$ days labor, at \$2.50 per day	\$274 37	
Laborers, 1,042 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.76 “ .	1,834 36	
“ 25 “ “ \$1.25 “ .	31 26	
		1,865 62
		\$2,139 99

TEAMS.

James Marshall :—160 days, at \$1.50 per day	\$240 00	
Benjamin R. Upham :—55 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day .	83 63	
Walter B. Ellis :—76 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	114 75	
William Story :—50 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 per day	75 76	
A. W. Lynde :—2 days, at \$1.50 per day	3 00	
Eri Upham, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.50 per day .	\$7 88	
“ “ 25 “ “ \$1.25 “ .	31 25	
		39 13
		\$556 27

SUNDRIES.

Daniel W. Gooch, 993 loads gravel	\$99 30
J. O. Chandler, sharpening tools, etc. . . .	45 80
Thos. McCoubry, " " "	2 75
Bugbee & Barrett, nails, kerosene, etc. . . .	4 97
N. Cochran, surveying	1 50
H. C. Richardson, sprinkling street	2 00
J. P. Deering, lumber	35 68
S. E. Benson, cement	3 20
A. W. Parker, street signs	49 00
Edwards Brothers, repairing snow-ploughs	4 30
Robert Philpot, grading on Washington Street	90 00
D. R. Woodward, stock and labor	59 95
E. N. Sargent, building fence	11 70
A. C. Chick, blasting rock	2 00
	\$412 15

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation and balance	\$3,916 47
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EXPENDED.

Removing snow	\$276 04
For labor	2,139 99
For teams	556 27
Sundries	412 15
	\$3,384 45
Balance unexpended	532 02
	\$3,916 47

Sums paid for labor and teams were expended
in months as follows:—

	Supt.	Labor.	Teams.
April	\$51 25	\$553 45	\$185 63
May	61 25	662 73	190 26
June	37 50	233 20	47 25
July	29 37	97 68	26 63
August	46 25	80 08	16 50
September		24 64	1 50
October		54 56	12 00
November	35 00	146 08	68 25
December	13 75	13 20	8 25
	\$274 37	\$1,865 62	\$556 27

WYOMING CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

From sale of lots to residents:—

one-half lot	\$25 00
one public lot	25 00
one small lot	30 00
two lots at \$40 00	80 00
one lot at \$55 00	55 00
one lot at \$60 00	60 00
one lot at \$70 00	70 00
three lots at \$75 00	225 00

On account of lots sold, no deeds given, 292 00

\$862 00

From sale of lots to non-residents:—

one lot	\$165 00
one lot	175 00

340 00

For care of lots (season 1884)

148 00

For grading and sodding lots,

foundations, graves, etc. 299 40

For wood sold 4 50

From Post No. 4, G. A. R., labor and

foundations for soldiers' tablets 12 00

\$1,665 90

EXPENDED.

Nelson Cochran, surveying \$10 25

A. W. Lynde, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ days' labor at \$1 87 32 27

Thos. Marshall, labor,

5 months at \$43 00 \$215 00

42 days at 1 76 73 92

30 days at 1 75 52 50

341 42

Thos. Marshall, teams, manure, etc. 48 55

Daniel Dowd, labor, 192 $\frac{1}{4}$ days at \$1 50 288 38

Michael Kelly, labor, 33 days at \$1 75 \$57 75

16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 1 76 29 04

86 79

Amount carried forward \$807 66

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$807 66
Michael Kelly, 250 feet sods		2 50
Thos. McCoubry, sharpening tools		2 62
S. E. Benson, cement		15 45
Josiah York, whitewashing tomb		3 00
J. P. Deering, lumber		1 00
Bugbee & Barrett, grass seed, tools, etc.		7 86
S. E. Eastman, stamps		2 00
Charles Pratt, 3,670 feet sods		36 70
E. O. Howes, painting		6 90
A. C. Goss, man, 9½ days at \$1 75	\$16 62	
team, 8½ " " 1 50	12 75	
" 1½ " " 1 75	2 68	
		32 00
A. C. Goss, 300 feet sods		3 00
Justus Geist, plants and planting		30 00
Frank Gibbons, labor		1 00
Jacob W. Manning, trees		14 00
O. F. Ingalls, finials		2 50
H. J. Rice, 220 ft. granite capping at .55	\$121 00	
30 " " (circle) " at .70	21 00	
labor	12 00	
		154 00
George Newhall, services on committee		25 00
John Larrabee " " "		25 00
		\$1,172 19
Surplus for year	\$493 71	

FRANKLIN SCHOOL BUILDING (HIGHLANDS).

Appropriation	\$8,000 00
Amount transferred from appropriation for purchase of the land to be expended by the committee for grading grounds, as per vote of the Town	200 00
	\$8,200 00
EXPENDED.	
Paid orders of building committee	\$7,669 42
Balance unexpended	530 58
	\$8,200 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Treasurer	\$4,440 00
County Treasurer	2,042 40

BANK AND CORPORATION TAXES.

Received from State Treasurer National Bank Taxes	\$673 89
Corporation Taxes .	2,253 56

SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Balance from last year	33 77
Received as assessment (Est. Wm. Larrabee) . .	35 89
	\$1,069 66

EXPENDED.

Labor and Teams.

James Marshall, 22½ days, at \$2.50 . . .	\$56 25
Laborers, 138½ days, at \$1.76 . . .	243 32
Teams, 29¾ days, at \$1.50 . . .	44 63
	\$344 20

Concrete.

O. N. Kennard, one-half expense of laying 252 yards concrete, at 35 cents . . .	\$44 10
Walter B. Ellis, one-half expense of laying 3,307 yards concrete, at 30 cents . . .	496 04
	540 14

Sundries.

J. C. Howes, 30 loads gravel . . .	\$3 00
N. Cochran, surveying . . .	19 70
D. R. Woodward, repairing fence . . .	0 75
	23 45
	\$907 79
Balance unexpended	161 87
	\$1,069 66

Concrete walks have been laid opposite estates owned and occupied by persons, as follows :—

	Square Yards.
F. H. Damon, Bellevue Avenue	142 $\frac{1}{2}$
E. C. Fletcher, "	59
F. W. Thomas, "	121 $\frac{1}{2}$
G. W. Woodman, "	116 $\frac{2}{3}$
F. H. Torrey, "	59
L. J. Backer, "	77 $\frac{2}{3}$
G. A. Hardy, "	133 $\frac{1}{2}$
J. S. Dyer, corner " and Emerson St. .	161
George Woodward, Emerson Street	65 $\frac{2}{3}$
High School grounds "	181
A. G. Whitman, Emerald Street	52
J. C. Howes, "	78
H. A. Leonard, Lebanon and Upham Streets . .	184
Charles Larrabee, " Street	83 $\frac{1}{2}$
G. R. White, Upham Street	84 $\frac{1}{2}$
Centre School grounds, Upham Street	108
Grove Street School grounds, Grove and Myrtle Sts. .	252
Daniel Russell, Trenton Street	287
L. T. Terwilleger, Wyoming Avenue	85
W. H. Webster, Cottage Street	49 $\frac{1}{2}$
William Bogle, Berwick Street	61 $\frac{1}{4}$
Mrs. J. C. Bisbee, Green Street	22
George Baker, "	68 $\frac{2}{3}$
L. T. Everson, "	57 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wm. W. Boardman, Myrtle Street	104
W. I. Ellis, "	26
George Newhall, "	199 $\frac{1}{2}$
W. A. Shapleigh, "	73 $\frac{3}{4}$
Roswell C. Taylor, Vinton Street	121
J. A. Dill, Foster Street	45
John Larrabee, "	45
John S. Valentine, Hurd Street	86
Fenno & Blake, "	197
A. E. Steele, Ashland Street	71 $\frac{3}{4}$

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in the treasury Jan. 31, 1884	.	.	.	\$101 85
Total receipts for the year	.	.	.	103,399 76
				\$103,501 61
Total disbursements for the year	.	.	.	103,457 43
Cash in the treasury Jan. 28, 1885	.	.	.	\$44 18

NOTES GIVEN AND PAID DURING THE YEAR.

Melrose Savings Bank, borrowed on notes and paid during the year	.	\$12,000 00	\$12,000 00
Melrose Savings Bank, paid note of last year (temporary loan)	.		1,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts borrowed on note dated Aug. 6, 1884, on account of building school-house at the Highlands	.	8,000 00	
Paid note dated May 4, 1883, given to John Pickering & Moseley	.		5,000 00
		\$20,000 00	\$18,000 00

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.—JAN. 1, 1885.

BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890	.	\$100,000 00
Melrose Water Fund, 2d issue, due Oct. 1, 1892	.	50,000 00
Town Hall bonds, due Oct. 1, 1892	.	65,000 00
		\$215,000 00

Amount brought forward \$215,000 00

PERMANENT LOANS.

Notes Outstanding.

Lowell Institution for Savings, due		
Sept. 7, 1885, interest 6 per cent. .	\$20,000	00
Commonwealth of Mass., due Oct. 15,		
1888, interest 6 per cent.	5,000	00
Commonwealth of Mass., due Aug. 6,		
1889, interest 4 per cent.	8,000	00
		33,000 00

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Note given Alvah Smith, due June 21, 1885, interest		
4 per cent.	12,000	00
Total debt	\$260,000	00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from State of Massachusetts on		
account of State aid	\$669	00
Due from State of Massachusetts on		
account of Armory rent	600	00
Due from State of Massachusetts on		
account of Military aid	195	50
Bills due on poor account	564	43
Uncollected taxes: —		
1881	\$152	62
1882	527	37
1883	2,576	48
1884	24,602	42
Water Loan Sinking Fund	17,687	48
Cash in the treasury	44	18
		47,619 48

Net debt more than assets available . . . \$212,380 52

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. NEWHALL,

Treasurer.

(E. and O. excepted.)

MELROSE Jan. 28, 1885.

GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

In account with Commissioners of Melrose Water Loan Sinking Fund.

DR.

February 1884. Cash on hand	\$698 73
To received as surplus from Water Fund, 1883 .	3,472 82
To received as interest on bonds	627 48
To received as interest on mortgage note	165 00
To received as dividend on deposit	29 81
To received as principal on mortgage note	100 00
	\$5,093 84

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By paid rent for box in safe deposit vault	10 00
By paid for bonds, premiums and accrued interest .	4,596 36
February, 1885. By cash on hand deposited in Mel- rose Savings Bank	487 48
	\$5,093 84

DR. GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER.

Jan. 30, 1884. Cash in treasury \$101 85

RECEIPTS.

From State Treasurer:—

On account of School Fund	. . .	\$197 76	
State aid, 1883	. . .	702 00	
Corporation tax	. . .	2,253 56	
Bank tax	. . .	673 89	
Military aid, 1883	. . .	253 00	
			4,080 21

From various sources:—

On account of School Contingent, books sold, etc.		156 45	
On account of Poor Fund	. . .	375 75	
Contingent Fund	. . .	18 50	
For use of Town Hall		747 00	
County Treasurer, dog tax, 1883	. . .	509 83	
For lots, graves, etc., Wyoming Cemetery,		1,665 90	
From A. Lane, Superintendent, water-rates collected, etc.		14,869 90	
From sidewalk assessment	. . .	35 89	
			18,379 22

TAXES.

Moses Briggs, Collector, taxes for 1880,	\$126 22	
Jona. C. Howes, " " 1881,	39 11	
" " " 1882,	275 00	
" " " 1883,	20,500 00	
Lewis G. Coburn, " " 1884,	40,000 00	
		60,940 33

LOANS.

Received on Treasurer's notes		20,000 00
		\$103,501 61

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE.

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By paid Town Clerk's orders as follows:—

School Fund	\$15,891 24
School contingent expenses	4,732 47
Contingent Fund	895 68
Poor Fund	4,730 11
Fire Department	2,365 92
Town Hall	1,021 17
Street lights	1,693 06
Cemetery (Wyoming)	1,172 19
Police	1,084 50
Town Officers' salaries	2,209 55
State aid	669 00
Water Fund	6,981 33
Drainage	383 53
Armory Rent	600 00
Additional street lamps	106 95
Concrete sidewalks	907 79
Concrete crossings and gutters	203 05
Military aid	391 00
Highways	3,384 45
Insurance	1,043 75
Suppression liquor traffic	85 80
First, Second, and Third Streets	65 09
Guide Boards	6 00
Memorial Day	200 00
Drinking Fountain	150 00

\$50,973 63

By paid interest on Water Fund bonds	\$9,000 00
“ notes and Town	
Hall bonds	6,749 33
orders of Trustees Public Library	1,009 83
State tax, 1884	4,440 00
County tax, 1884	2,042 40
Treasurer Water Loan Sink-	
ing Fund (surplus 1883)	3,472 82
orders of committee on school	
building on Franklin St.,	
Highlands	7,669 42
order of Selectmen to Malden	
Fire Dept. Ass'n	100 00

34,483 80

TEMPORARY LOANS.

By paid Treasurer's notes	18,000 00
Jan. 28, 1885. By cash in the Treasury	44 18
	\$103,501 61

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have audited the Books of the Town Treasurer, and find them correct, and proper vouchers for all expenditures.

We have also examined the Expenditures of the Public Library, and find that the report of the Treasurer is correct.

FRANK E. ORCUTT,
JOHN R. NORTON,
GILBERT N. HARRIS,
Auditors.

MELROSE, Jan. 25, 1885.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR 1884.

Number of inhabitants	5,607
children 5 to 15 years of age	1,132
dwellings	1,206
horses	330
cows and oxen	159
dogs	279
acres of land taxed (about)	2,700
steam-boilers	18
horse-power	1,107½
Value of real estate	\$4,100,225
Value of personal estate	369,713
Total valuation	<u>\$4,469,938</u>
Rate of taxation per \$1,000, \$13.80.	
Amount of appropriations	\$56,777 52
State tax	4,440 00
county tax	2,042 40
overlay	1,639 21
	<u>\$64,899 13</u>
Assessed as follows:—	
Number of polls, 1,607	
Tax on polls at \$2 each	\$3,214 00
personal estate	5,102 03
real estate	56,583 10
Amount of warrant committed to the Collector	<u>\$64,899 13</u>
additional assessments	33 73
	<u>\$64,932 86</u>
Less abatements	382 10
Net amount January 1, 1885	<u>\$64,550 76</u>
On which there has been collected	\$39,948 34
And interest	51 66
	<u>\$40,000 00</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1884.

Walter H. Roberts	\$7 25	Estate, John Collegan	5 00
Elisha Myrick	2 07	T. M. Berry	2 00
Geo. Hart	27 60	John Barnes	2 00
Mrs. C. W. Clinkard	6 90	Wm. Stedman Kent	2 00
Mrs. Lyman Elms	6 90	Anthony Crosby	2 00
John Thing	2 00	Orestes Jefferson	2 00
Mrs. Butler	5 00	Benj. Clapp & Co.	4 14
Gillam B. Wheeler	14 25	B. M. Boyce, Adm'r	6 90
S. F. Barrett	2 76	A. W. Brigham	2 00
Joanna Stackpole	6 90	Mrs. John Henry	1 38
Henry Hunt	6 90	Mary Ann O'Riley	5 00
Henry M. Small	13 80	Nancy S. Wilson	2 76
Mrs. S. S. Tombley	6 90	Lucy A. Barrett	4 14
Frank A. Vinton	1 51	Mrs. P. R. Ellis	6 90
Chas. Boardman, Exr.	55 20	Geo. W. Elder	6 14
Esther M. Morcombe	6 90	J. A. Kitching	6 90
H. F. Ehler	6 90	Geo. W. Dew	3 45
Albert Johnson	1 38	Estate, R. K. Parker	3 03
Sam'l D. Taylor	8 84	Mrs. Geo. Upham	4 83
Estate of J. L. Andrews	1 67	Frank H. Torrey	13 80
D. L. & J. G. Webster	10 46	Albert G. Milton	2 00
Estate, F. D. Howe	4 00	Mrs. M. A. Ellison	62 10
F. A. Messenger	13 80		
E. R. Conways, et als.	11 74		\$382 10

FOR YEAR 1883.

Net amount of Collector's book Jan. 1, 1884, as per last Report	\$63,058 75
Abatements made in 1884	72 10
Net amount Jan. 1, 1885	\$62,986 65
On which there has been collected	\$61,152 41
And interest	832 28
	\$61,984 69

ABATEMENTS ON 1883 DURING 1884.

Estate of F. D. Howe	\$4 06	Mrs. Mary F. Howard	\$2 52
M. S. Shedd	1 44	Miss Cynthia Howard	5 76
Jacob Gobel, estate	5 76	Mary E. Howard	5 76
George Upham	7 04	Miss E. and M. Moody	11 52
Wm. F. Poole	76	Curtis B. Smith	9 20
Lucy A. Barrett	4 32	J. F. Whitney	2 00
Jonathan Cochrane	2 00	Mrs. Sarah Shute	3 96
Henry G. Curtis	2 00		
Thomas Cook	2 00		\$72 10
Thos. A. Dalby	2 00		

FOR YEAR 1882.

Net amount of Collector's book Jan. 1, 1884, as per last Report	\$57,766 31
Abatements made in 1884	59 28
Net amount Jan. 1, 1885	\$57,707 03
On which there has been collected	\$57,114 10
And interest	885 34
	<u>\$57,999 44</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1882 DURING 1884.

James M. Critchett.....	\$2 00	Jno. H. Thompson.....	\$2 00
Mrs. Samuel Fiske.....	25 90	J. C. Rounds.....	20 00
Enoch A. Merrill.....	2 00		
Mrs. Michael Powers.....	7 38		<u>\$59 28</u>

FOR YEAR 1881.

Net amount of Collector's book Jan. 1, 1884, as per last Report	\$54,273 53
Abatements made in 1884	381 02
Net amount Jan. 1, 1885	\$53,892 51
On which there has been collected	\$53,740 72
And interest	835 11
	<u>\$54,575 83</u>

ABATEMENTS ON 1881 DURING 1884.

Mrs. Samuel Fisk.....	\$25 53	Samuel Cate.....	2 00
C. W. Higgins.....	6 14	Edward T. Collins.....	2 00
S. F. Keyes.....	8 00	Duncan Cunningham.....	2 00
Wm. F. Mitchell.....	2 00	George Dutton.....	4 07
L. N. Mullin.....	2 00	Alfred Delmar.....	2 00
J. L. Randall.....	2 00	Patrick Daly.....	2 00
Geo. L. Amory....	2 00	B. F. Dexter.....	2 00
M. L. Avery.....	2 00	Patrick Drew.....	2 56
C. E. Allison.....	2 00	Thomas Dermot.....	2 00
Geo. Alexander.....	2 00	C. A. Douglas.....	2 00
Wm. B. Bradbury.....	2 00	Wm. H. Earl.....	2 00
Edwin Bacheller.....	2 00	Benj. W. Ellis.	2 00
H. B. Ballou.....	2 00	Leonard T. Eames.....	2 00
Wm. H. Ballou.....	2 00	Joseph Evans.....	1 00
Wm. E. Bucknam.....	2 00	Warren A. Farr.....	2 00
Chas. A. Brown.....	2 00	Frank T. Follansbee.....	2 00

Wm. A. Fisher.....	2 00	Wm. Rudolph.....	2 00
Albert F. Fisher.....	2 00	James A. Ring.....	2 00
Wm. Fitzer.....	2 00	Frank A. Rickaby.....	2 00
Henry Furbush.....	2 00	—— Roby, Jr.....	2 00
Geo. Frost.....	2 00	Chas. Roots.....	2 00
Chas. M. Grover.....	2 00	Wm. J. Riley.....	2 00
Peter Gendrat.....	2 00	David Russell.....	2 00
Geo. W. Grover.....	2 69	Eugene H. Russell.....	2 00
George W. Grover, Jr.....	2 00	Stillman Roberts.....	2 00
Geo. W. Goss.....	2 00	Daniel Sullivan.....	2 00
Patrick Hayes.....	2 00	Henry A. Staples.....	5 45
Chas. Harvey.....	2 00	Dennis Sullivan.....	2 00
Wm. Hallahan.....	2 00	Roderick Scriggins.....	2 00
Calvin Hersom.....	2 00	Horace Stevens.....	2 80
Geo. W. Holmes.....	2 00	Henry Sargent.....	2 00
Stephen Hyde.....	2 00	John Soule.....	2 00
James Hansin.....	2 00	Alonzo Stevens.....	2 00
Horace P. Hurd.....	2 00	Wm. R. Smith.....	2 00
Leonard Jackson.....	2 00	Lyman Skelton.....	2 00
Henry Kramer.....	2 00	Albert H. Stevens.....	2 00
James Kehoe.....	2 00	Andrew Swanson.....	2 00
George H. Kirmes.....	2 00	Louis A. Tinkham.....	2 00
John King.....	2 00	Thomas R. Spear.....	2 00
George Lee.....	2 00	Geo. L. Tufts.....	2 00
Charles Locke.....	2 00	J. E. Tuttle.....	2 00
Geo. E. Leathe.....	2 00	Asa H. Thayer.....	3 38
Joseph Lord.....	2 00	Walter C. Thayer.....	2 00
George F. Luce.....	2 00	Aaron Tay.....	2 00
Chas. Messenger.....	2 00	Allen C. Twichell.....	2 00
Lewis N. Maxwell.....	2 00	Rufus Tay.....	2 00
Michael McIlleggy.....	2 00	Wm. Taylor.....	2 00
Geo. R. Morse.....	2 00	John A. Thurber.....	2 00
Jack McLaughlin.....	2 00	Thos. A. Taylor.....	2 00
Moses C. Morgan.....	2 00	Daniel Thompson.....	2 00
C. E. Morgan.....	2 00	Wm. G. Taylor.....	2 00
Chas. M. McConnell.....	2 00	Frank E. Thomas.....	2 00
Leopold Mitchell.....	2 00	Eli Upham.....	15 80
Fred'k McConnell.....	2 00	Andrew Waitt.....	2 00
Moses H. Miller.....	2 00	Isaac Wilkinson.....	2 00
Freeman Mosher.....	2 00	John Henry Welcome.....	2 00
Dennis Mahoney.....	2 00	Claudius Wadsworth.....	2 00
Philip Mahoney.....	2 00	Wm. R. Warren.....	2 00
Scott W. McConnell.....	2 00	Dennis Welch.....	2 00
Secor Mullin.....	2 00	—— Williams.....	2 00
E. K. Norcross.....	2 00	Oliver Williams.....	2 00
H. G. Norcross.....	2 00	Thomas D. Watson.....	2 00
G. G. Nichols.....	2 00	Edward H. Whittaker.....	2 00
Geo. W. Odell.....	2 00	Fred Waitt.....	2 00
Theo. L. Palmer.....	2 69	Chas. Waitt.....	2 00
Daniel Pratt.....	2 00	Chas. H. Whitcomb.....	2 00
Nathan Pratt.....	2 00	Harmon W. Woodward.....	2 00
Joseph Phipps.....	2 07	James Willis.....	2 00
Geo. W. Pew.....	2 00	Edward H. Young.....	2 00
Henry W. Pratt.....	2 00	Josiah York.....	2 00
Melon Preble.....	2 00	Mrs. Belle T. Collins.....	50
Chas. Partelow.....	3 04	Geo. H. Bradford.....	2 00
Chas. M. Partelow.....	2 00	Fred. O. Black.....	2 00
Mark Page.....	2 00	J. W. Bazin.....	2 00
Frank Phipps.....	2 00	Howard Briggs.....	2 00
Ami Ratteltes.....	2 00	James Bother.....	5 10

Timothy Callahan.....	\$2 00	Elmer D. Swain.....	\$2 00
George Clinton.....	2 00	Thomas Upham.....	2 00
— Crummett.....	2 00	J. B. Davidson.....	2 00
Andrew Dow.....	2 00		
Daniel N. Dole.....	2 00		\$381 02
Charles T. Stevens Jr.....	2 00		

FOR YEAR 1880.

Net amount of Collector's book Jan. 1, 1884, as per last report	\$53,827 52
Abatements made in 1884	25 00
Net amount	\$53,802 52
On which there has been collected	\$53,802 52
And interest	997 15
	\$54,799 67

And the Collector's account for 1880 has been settled with the Town.

ABATEMENTS ON 1880 DURING 1884.

James Hallihan.....	\$2 00	Edward H. Young.....	\$2 00
John Johnson, 2d.....	2 00	Chas. Copeland.....	2 00
M. P. Mitchell.....	1 00	Moses C. Morgan.....	2 00
Nathan Pratt.....	2 00	James P. Mellus.....	2 00
Henry Sargent.....	2 00	Henry Morcombe.....	2 00
Geo. B. Smith.....	2 00		
Chas. Stone.....	2 00		\$25 00
Aaron L. Tay.....	2 00		

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. WESTGATE,	}	Assessors of Melrose.
DEXTER PRATT,		
GEO. F. BOARDMAN.		

COLLECTORS' REPORTS.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1884.

Amount of Warrant and Tax List as received from the Assessors	\$64,899 13
Additional Assessments	33 73
	<u>\$64,932 86</u>
Abatements (see Assessors' Report)	382 10
	<u>\$64,550 76</u>
Interest collected	51 66
	<u>\$64,602 42</u>
Cash paid Treasurer	40,000 00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1884	<u>\$24,602 42</u>

LEWIS G. COBURN,

Collector for 1884.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1883.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1884, as per last Report	\$22,406 34
Abatements in 1884 (see Assessors' Report)	72 10
	<u>\$22,334 24</u>
Interest collected in 1884	742 24
	<u>\$23,076 48</u>
Paid Treasurer in 1884	20,500 00
Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1885	<u>\$2,576 48</u>

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

Collector for 1883.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1882.

Balance unpaid Jan. 1, 1884, as per last Report	.	\$937	21
Abatements in 1884 (see Assessor's Report)	.	59	28
		\$877	93
Interest collected in 1884	.	24	44
		\$902	37
Paid Treasurer in 1884	.	275	00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1885	.	\$527	37

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

Collector for 1882.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1881.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1884, as per last Report	.	\$607	81
Abatements in 1884 (see Assessor's Report)	.	381	02
		\$226	79
Interest collected in 1884	.	83	
		\$227	62
Paid Treasurer in 1884	.	75	00
Balance unpaid January 1, 1885	.	\$152	62

JONATHAN C. HOWES,

Collector for 1881.

STATEMENT OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1880.

Balance unpaid January 1, 1884, as per last Report	.	\$133	78
Abatements in 1884 (see Assessor's Report)	.	25	00
		\$108	78
Interest collected	.	17	44
		\$126	22
Paid Treasurer in 1884	.	126	22
and account settled.			

MOSES BRIGGS,

Collector for 1880.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:—

We hereby respectfully submit the following report for the year ending December, 1884.

The appropriation for the year was . . .	\$2,000 00	
Unexpended balance, 1883 . . .	155 21	
		\$2,155 21

Expenditures as follows :—

Hose Co. No. 1	\$550 95	
“ “ “ 2	521 24	
“ “ “ 3	364 88	
Hook and ladder Co.	722 65	
Contingent expenses	206 20	
		\$2,365 92

The apparatus in charge of the different companies are in good order.

For the ensuing year we would ask for the following sums to be appropriated, viz. :—

General appropriation	\$2,000 00
For rent and incidentals	500 00
For the purchase of 2,000 feet of hose	150 00

We respectfully call your attention to the lack of pressure of the water at the hydrants, and would recommend the purchase of a steam fire-engine.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. LYNDE,	}	<i>Engineers of Melrose.</i>
W. B. ELLIS,		
DEXTER PRATT, <i>Clerk.</i>		

REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Water Commissioners herewith submit their fifteenth Annual Report, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1884.

For a detailed statement concerning the work of the past year and the present condition of this department, we would respectfully refer you to the report of the Superintendent.

Your Commissioners are able to report a favorable condition of the Pond at the present time.

At the beginning of the year the water was $82\frac{1}{2}$ inches below high-water mark. Soon after this time, however, the water rose quite rapidly, and on February 16th pumping was discontinued; and on April 16th the Pond was full and flowing over the Rollway. Since which time the lowest point reached was on November 23d, when it was $40\frac{1}{4}$ inches below high-water mark, and at the time of closing this Report is 34 inches below.

Several meetings have been held with the Commissioners of Malden and Medford; and with the Special Committee appointed by the Town in regard to a new Main, and also a conduit to extend some seven hundred feet into the Pond in order to reach deep water. No final decision has been arrived at as yet, but negotiations are still pending.

Your Commissioners recommend appropriations for the coming year, as follows:—

For hydrants, Town Hall, school-houses, etc. . . . \$2,000 00

TABLE SHOWING LEVELS BELOW SPOT POND ROLLWAY.

Surveys made in 1884 by PERCY M. BLAKE, C. E., and
GEORGE H. BISHOP, C. E.

Below Rollway. Feet.	
0.00	Rollway.
5.61	Lowest point on pipe line between Woodland Av. & Ravine Road.
22.39	Summit of Ravine Road, near spring barrel in ground.
83.00	North-west corner Ravine Road and Washington Street.
92.20	Intersection of Ravine Road and Wyoming Avenue.
97.19	Intersection of Trenton Street and Wyoming Avenue.
98.53	West rail Boston and Maine Railroad at Wyoming Station.
0.37	Piazza floor of W. P. Sargent's house on Wyoming Hill.
99.62	Intersection Berwick Street and Wyoming Avenue.
91.56	Corner Main and Foster Streets.
86.06	Fall from Rollway to top of underpinning of Town Hall.
32.00	Sill of lower window on J. O. Norris's house, Cedar Park.
92.17	Intersection of Main and Essex Streets.
41.09	Intersection of Upham Street and Bellevue Avenue.
13.78	Sill of Upham Street school-house.
18.00	In front of G. W. Chipman's house on extension of Tremont St.
3.00	Top of hill opposite G. W. Chipman's house.
73.00	Track of Boston and Maine R. R. 100 feet north of Franklin St.
18.00	Foundation of P. W. Curry's house, Orris Street.
3.16	Doleful Pond above Spot Pond, Nov. 13th, 1884.

WATER-TAKERS, 1885.

Families	1,186
Apothecaries	3
Aquarium	1
Armory	1
Barber shops	3
Bakehouses	2
Blacksmith shop	1
Churches	6

Carriage shop	1
Engine and hose houses	4
Fish markets	3
Greenhouses	6
Hand hose	264
Hydrants	104
Halls	5
Livery and boarding stables	4
Manufactories	6
Motors	2
Ornamental fountains	6
Private stables	29
Printing-office	1
Public drinking-fountains	5
Public ornamental fountains	2
Railroad depots	4
Standpipes	3
School-houses	10
Stores and shops	20
Truck and cart stables	15
Number of water-takers as per register 1885	1,280
Number of water-takers as per register 1884	1,176
Increase over 1884	104

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount received for Water-Rates exclusively.

1860-71	\$3,909 29
1872	5,141 84
1873	6,133 88
1874	7,202 31
1875	7,882 85
1876	8,788 93
1877	8,850 45
1878	9,267 95
1879	9,717 13
1880	9,863 14
1881	10,223 84

1882	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$10,818 84
1883	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,826 05
1884	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13,695 51
Estimated income for 1885	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14,500 00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Cost of Water Works to Jan. 1, 1884	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$185,697 47
There has been expended on construction account during the year ending Dec. 31, 1884, the sum of	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,754 51
Cost of Water Works to Jan. 1, 1885	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	189,441 98

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

There has been paid out on the above account the sum of three thousand two hundred and twenty-six and $\frac{82}{100}$ dollars, for which the Town holds the vouchers	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,226 .82
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INTEREST ACCOUNT.

April 1, 1883, Coupons on \$50,000	.	\$1,500 00
July 1, " Coupons on 100,000	.	3,000 00
Oct. 1, " Coupons on 50,000	.	1,500 00
Jan. 1, 1884, Coupons on 100,000	.	3,000 00
		\$9,000 00
		\$12,226 82

RECEIPTS.

Received from Town for use of water	.	\$2,000 00
" " City of Malden, care of gate-house, &c.	.	333 78
" " Town of Medford, repairs on boat	.	4 19
" for shutting off	.	4 00
" " notices	.	60
" " stone sold	.	31 25
" " stock	.	5 50
" " water-rates	.	13,695 51
" " on pipe account	.	795 07
		\$16,869 90

CONTRA.

Paid on interest account	\$9,000 00
Maintenance "	3,226 82
	\$12,226 82
Surplus for the year	\$4,643 08

Furniture, Stock, and Tools on hand Jan. 1, 1885.

Furniture	\$250 00
Tools of all kinds	160 00
Stock	689 85
	\$1,099 85

WINGATE P. SARGENT,	} Water	
W. IRVING ELLIS,		} Commissioners.
WILBUR D. FISKE.		

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith present to you the annual report of your Superintendent, showing the operations of this department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884, and the present condition of the works under my charge.

THE POND.

The water in the pond was at the lowest point January 1, being then 82½ inches below high-water mark, and 17½ inches below the top of the pipe. But from this time the water began to rise, and on February 16th the water was 9 inches above the top of the pipe in the gate-house, and the pump was stopped. The water continued to rise, and on April 16th was flowing over the wasteway, running over more or less until May 10th.

The following record will show the condition of the pond each month in the year: —

RECORD.

Rise and Fall of the Pond in 1884.

Jan.	1	.	.	.	Water was $82\frac{1}{2}$ inches below high-water mark, and the lowest point during the year.
"	10	.	.	.	Water was 77 inches below high-water mark.
"	20	.	.	.	" 75 " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 70 " " "
Feb.	10	.	.	.	" $62\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
"	16	.	.	.	" 56 " " stopped pumping.
"	20	.	.	.	" $50\frac{1}{4}$ inches below high-water mark.
"	29	.	.	.	" $37\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
Mar.	10	.	.	.	" $34\frac{3}{4}$ " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 24 " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" $11\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
April	10	.	.	.	" 3 " " "
"	16	.	.	.	" flowing over the wasteway.
"	20	.	.	.	" " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" " " "
May	10	.	.	.	" just at high-water mark.
"	20	.	.	.	" $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches below high-water mark.
"	30	.	.	.	" $\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
June	10	.	.	.	" $3\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" $5\frac{1}{4}$ " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 7 " " "
July	10	.	.	.	" $7\frac{1}{4}$ " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 11 " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 14 " " "
Aug.	10	.	.	.	" $14\frac{1}{4}$ " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" $17\frac{1}{4}$ " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" $19\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
Sept.	10	.	.	.	" $23\frac{1}{4}$ " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 26 " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" $28\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
Oct.	10	.	.	.	" $31\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" $34\frac{1}{4}$ " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" $36\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
Nov.	10	.	.	.	" $37\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" $39\frac{1}{2}$ " " "
"	23	.	.	.	" $40\frac{1}{4}$ " the next lowest point.
"	30	.	.	.	" $39\frac{1}{4}$ below high-water mark.
Dec.	10	.	.	.	" $38\frac{3}{4}$ " " "
"	20	.	.	.	" 38 " " "
"	30	.	.	.	" 34 " " "

COMPARATIVE RECORD.

Showing the lowest points below high-water mark to which the pond has been drawn since 1874.

1874. — Lowest point, 43 inches, Dec. 7.

1875. — Lowest point, 61 inches, Feb. 22. Pond full, June 23.

Next lowest point, 33 inches, Nov. 10.

1876. — Lowest point, 37 inches, Nov. 6. Pond full, March 25.

1877. — Lowest point, 33 inches, Sept. 30. Pond full, March 15.

1878. — Lowest point, $27\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Nov. 13. Pond full, Jan. 15.

Pond full second time, Dec. 14.

1879. — Lowest point, 45 inches, Dec. 20. Pond full and running over at waste-way from Jan. 1 to May 20.

1880. — Lowest point, $63\frac{1}{4}$ inches, Dec. 30. Highest point, May 10, being then 12 inches below high-water mark.

1881. — Lowest point, 65 inches, Jan. 8, at which time the water was down to the top of the pipe at the gate-house: commenced pumping and continued until Jan. 22. The pump was started again Feb. 6, and run until Feb. 13. Pond full and running over from March 22 to April 30. Next lowest point, 32 inches, Dec. 22.

1882. — Lowest point, $37\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Dec. 21. Pond full and running over at waste-way from March 3 to April 3.

1883. — Lowest point, 82 inches, Dec. 30. The highest point reached was 15 inches below high-water mark, May 30. Commenced pumping Sept. 23, and continued to pump at this time, Dec. 31.

1884. — Lowest point, $82\frac{1}{2}$ inches, Jan. 1. Pond full and running over from April 16 to May 10. Next lowest point, $40\frac{1}{4}$ inches, Nov. 23.

STREET MAINS.

One thousand sixty-two feet of six-inch pipe has been laid the past season, and one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four feet of four-inch. Five leaks have been repaired.

By the cutting down of Main Street at Reading Hill, about two hundred feet of four-inch pipe had to be taken up and relaid to a greater depth.

Total length of street mains, eighteen and one-half miles.

HYDRANTS.

Five new hydrants have been added to the fire service since the last Report, namely :—

One on Rowe Street ; one on First Street ; one on Greenwood Street ; one on Pratt Street, and one on the extension of Foster Street.

Whole number now in use, one hundred and four.

All were carefully examined and put in good condition before the cold weather.

REPAIRS MADE IN 1884.

Jan. 9. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Maple Street.

Feb. 12. — Repaired leak in service pipe on Youle Street. New stop.

April 17. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Trenton Street. Rusty pipe.

April 18. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Washington Street. Rust-hole.

June 24. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Emerson Street. Rusty pipe.

July 21. — Repaired leak in service pipe on Myrtle Street. Lead connection.

Sept. 3. — Repaired leak in 4-inch pipe on Tremont Street. Rusty pipe.

Sept. 26. — Reset hydrant on Rowe Street.

Sept. 28. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Emerson Street.

Oct. 1. — Repaired leak in service pipe on Ashland Street. New stop.

Nov. 15. — Repaired leak in 6-inch pipe on Foster Street. Leak in joint.

Nov. 25. — Repaired leak in hydrant on Porter Street. New valve.

Dec. 10. — Repaired leak in hydrant on Grove Street. Cleared waste.

Dec. 26. — Repaired leak in lead connection to service pipe on Franklin Street.

GATES SET IN 1884.

Seven new gates have been added to the pipe-lines since the last Report, located as follows:—

One 6-inch gate on First Street, east of Lebanon Street.

One 6-inch gate on the extension of Foster Street, west of Dell Avenue.

One 4-inch gate on Hillside Avenue, west of Bellevue Avenue.

One 4-inch gate on Rowe Street, South of Emerson Street.

One 4-inch gate on Pratt Street, north of Franklin Street.

One 4-inch gate on Orient Street, south of Porter Street.

One 4-inch gate on Lebanon Street, south of Emerson Street.

Making one hundred and nineteen (119) gates of various sizes now in use.

SERVICE PIPES.

Eighty-three new service pipes have been laid the past season, making the number of services now in use eleven hundred and four.

Thirteen services have been taken up and relaid, the rusty pipe and couplings taken out, and replaced with new.

2,917 feet of service pipe has been laid from main pipe to street line, and 2,402 feet from street line to cellar.

Eighty wooden service boxes that were decayed have been taken out and replaced with iron ones.

AMOUNT OF PIPE LAID IN 1884.

Street Mains.

The following record will show the streets in which pipes have been laid the past season, giving the size of pipe and number of feet in each street.

6-inch pipe on First Street	.	.	.	555 feet.
6 " " Foster Street	.	.	.	507 "
4 " " Greenwood Street	.	.	.	353 "
4 " " Rowe Street	.	.	.	280 "
4 " " Pratt Street	.	.	.	378 "
4 " " Brazil Street	.	.	.	335 "
4 " " Orient Street	.	.	.	211 "
4 " " Hillside Avenue	.	.	.	337 "
4 " " Main Street, relaid	.	.	.	200 "
				3,156 feet.
Amount carried forward	.	.	.	3,156 feet.

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		3,156 feet.
<i>Service Pipe.</i>		
$\frac{3}{4}$ inch from main pipe to street line	1,672 feet.	
1 " " " " " "	1,245 "	
1 " " street line to cellar	372 "	
$\frac{3}{4}$ " " " " " "	2,030 "	
$\frac{3}{4}$ " " " " " " relaid	189 "	
		5,508 feet.
Total		8,664 "

FINANCIAL.

In addition to the above, I have, as Water Registrar, collected for water-rates the sum of \$13,695.51, and from other sources \$1,174.39; making a total of \$14,869.90, which sum has been paid to the Town Treasurer, for which I hold his receipt.

The following table will show the different classes of water-takers, and the amounts paid by each; also, the amounts received from other sources:—

Received from families	\$11,510 76	
" " stores and shops	129 00	
" " manufactories	502 50	
" " use of hose	792 00	
" " stables	434 50	
" " motors	41 00	
" " meters	10 00	
" " greenhouses	110 00	
" " halls	48 00	
" " fountains	31 00	
" " churches	46 00	
" " depots	40 75	
		\$13,695 51
" " city of Malden	\$333 78	
" " pipe account	795 07	
" " stock sold, etc.	45 54	
		1,174 39
		\$14,869 90

Respectfully submitted,

ADDISON LANE, *Superintendent.*

MELROSE, Feb. 9, 1884.

By request of the Board of Water Commissioners I have audited the books and accounts of Addison Lane, Water Registrar, with results, as follows: Water rates charged on register, total amount, \$13,731.25 ; abatements, \$35.74, leaving a balance of \$13,695.51 ; all of which have been collected, credited on register, and paid into the town treasury. Receipts on account of pipes laid, stock sold, etc., \$1,174.39, which has also been paid into the treasury, making a total of \$14,869.90 received on water account for the year 1884.

JOHN LARRABEE,

Town Clerk.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
Hillside Ave			337				1		
Circuit			310				1		
Eleventh				255				1	
Third			287				1		
Main		3,784	478	287	9	2	1	1	
Green		2,700			3	1			
Franklin		3,155½	360		4	2			
Vinton		3,497½	436		6	3	1		
Trenton		1,233	1,331½		1	2	2		
Melrose			2,339½		1		1		
Ashland			1,475		2		2		
Tremont			3,180		2		4		
Greenwood			353	637	1			1	
Perkins			236				1		
Baxter			484		1		1		
Florence			1,340½		1		2		
Maple and Poplar			2,265½		2		3		
Emerson			3,977		6		4		
Youle			998½	342	1		1		
Otis				780					
Oakland			1,161		1		1		
Linden Place				286					
Cedar Park			1,206½	457	2		2		
Cottage			1,142	193	2		2		
Hurd			768				1		
Berwick			1,226½		1		2		
Herbert			220	158½			1		
Grove (West)			287½		1				
Waverly Place			690½		1		1		
Foster		507	1,470½		2	1	2		
Myrtle and Lake Ave. ..			3,170		4		8		
Winthrop			695½				1		
Vine			691				1		
Essex			1,437		4		2		
Willow				663				1	
Short and Main				470½					
Porter			2,514½		3		1		
School				495					
Converse Ave.	1,050		18		3				1
Prospect Avenue			500		1		1		
Tremont (North)				500				1	
Place off Emerson				291				1	
Ellsworth Avenue				314				1	
Albion			222				1		
Pleasant				1,125	1			1	
Winter			241				1		
Charles			335		1				
Pratt			378		1		1		

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTING PIPES TO THE
PRESENT TIME — *Concluded.*

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.				HYDRANTS.	GATES.			
	8-inch	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch		6-inch	4-inch	2-inch	8-inch
First.....		555			1	1			
Warren			632		2		1		
Bellevue Avenue.....		200	1,000		2		1		
Upham			3,283		5		2		
Stevens Place.....				216					
Lebanon			2,750		2		1		
Grove.....			1,366		1				
Walnut			187½				1		
Lynde and Linwood ..			2,960		3		1		
Summer.....			701		2		1		
Wyoming Ave. (East) ..			1,076				1		
Wyoming Ave. (West) ..					3				
Chestnut			572		1		2		
Mt. Vernon			394		1		1		
Auburn			372				1		
Winthrop Place.....			520		1		1		
Belmont.....			376				1		
High			376	600			1	1	
Prospect.....			1,026		1		1		
Essex and Lake Ave..			1,082						
Avon.....			422				1		
Elm			1,057		1				
Howard			272	550			1	1	
Upham and Dell Ave.			3,488				2		
East.....			534				1		
Washington			1,760		2				
Irving			387				1		
Emerson Place.....				251				1	
Seventh				238				1	
Wastes, 27 x 24.....			51						
80 Plugs.....			80						
Grove Street (East)...		1,865	16		2	1			
Emerson Street (East) ..		743½	10			1			
Rowe Street			950	552	2		3	1	
Ashland, (North)			480				1		
Brazil			1,115		2		2		
Orris			350	148			1	1	
Highland Avenue.....				250				1	
Berwick Place.....				138				1	
Emerald.....			508		1		2		
Orient			211				1		
Total.....	1,050	18,230½	68,927½	10257	104	14	88	16	1

WATER-RATES.

DWELLING-HOUSES.

Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used by the same family,	2
When a house is occupied by more than one family, and less than four, one faucet only being used for all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families, and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water-closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

BOARDING-HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00
Other charges as above.	

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to \$20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLE.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	2 00

The above includes water for washing carriages.

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
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When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel . . .	\$10 00
For water-closet in public bath-houses	10 00

STEAM-ENGINES.

For each stationary steam-engine working not over ten hours a day, for each horse-power	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	\$0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

(Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.)

For a jet of one-sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
For a jet of one-eighth of an inch	5 00
For a jet of one-quarter of an inch	8 00

To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates, special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular, and distributed among the citizens, with this additional note:—

“All parties wishing Spot Pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same. A book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk's office.”

REPORT

OF THE

Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners.

The Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioners present the following Report for the past year :—

Cash on hand January 1, 1884	\$698 73
Received interest on investments	822 29
Received on account of mortgage	100 00
Received from Water Board surplus,—income for 1884	3,472 82

We have bought for investment,—

2 bonds of city of Charlestown,	\$1,000 each.
1 “ “ city of Boston	1,000
1 “ “ town of Natick	1,000

at a total premium of \$496.25 ; and the Sinking Fund

at present stands as follows :—

United States Bonds	4½%	\$3,500 00
City of Salem	5%	3,000 00
“ Lynn	6%	1,000 00
“ Cambridge	6%	2,000 00
“ Providence	5%	1,000 00
“ Boston	6%	1,000 00
“ Charlestown	6%	2,000 00
Town of Natick	4%	1,000 00
Mortgage on real estate in Melrose		2,700 00
Cash in Melrose Savings Bank		487 48

\$17,687 48

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL RUSSELL,
JOHN W. FARWELL,
ROYAL P. BARRY,

Commissioners.

MELROSE Jan. 1, 1885.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.



TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

The report of the Police Department is herewith appended : —

The appropriation for the year was	.	\$1,200	00
The expenses have been	.	1,084	50
Balance unexpended .	.	\$115	50

The following cases have been brought before the Court the past year : —

Larceny	7	Evading fare	1
Liquor nuisance	1	On default warrant	1
Disturbing peace	6	House of common resort	1
Assault	6	Obtaining money by false	
Bastardy	1	pretence	3 counts
Adultery	2	Vagrants	2
Disorderly house	1	Idiotic person removed	1
Drunkenness	5	Neglected child	1
Breaking and entering	2	Tramps accommodated in	
Common drunkard	2	lock-up	130

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. McLAUGHLIN,

Chief of Police.

MELROSE, Dec. 31, 1884.

DR.

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

Feb. 18, 1884.	To cash paid Geo. W. Powers, books	.	.	.	\$1 50
" 20,	S. A. Drake,	"	.	.	3 25
" 22,	W. P. Derby	"	.	.	3 75
" 26,	Geo. E. Littlefield	"	.	.	14 85
" 27,	G. W. Reynolds	"	.	.	14 50
" 27,	Cupples, Upham, & Co.	"	.	.	6 94
Jan. 29, 1885, }	P. B. Russell	"	.	.	3 50
Mch. 5, 1884. }	Clark & Carruth	"	.	.	25 14
Dec. 18,					
Apr. 1, }	W. L. Williams, printing	.	.	.	11 00
" 16,	T. W. Ripley, Annual Reports	.	.	.	3 00
" 1,	Miss Carrie M. Worthen, librarian	.	.	.	237 50
" 1,					
Jan. 1, 1885, }	U. S. War Department, books	.	.	.	2 76
Apr. 11, 1884, }					
Jan. 29, 1885, }	De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.	"	.	.	439 11
Apr. 11, 1884, }	C. C. Morse & Son	"	.	.	3 15
Jan. 29, 1885, }	Massachusetts Hist. Soc.	"	.	.	9 00
Apr. 15, 1884, }					
" 16,					
May 27,	P. D. Meston, binding	.	.	.	107 30
Apr. 16,					
Nov. 19,	Little, Brown & Co., books	.	.	.	58 34
Apr. 16,					
Dec. 31,	D. L. Guernsey	"	.	.	7 00
May 5,					
Dec. 6,	A. S. Clark	"	.	.	23 00
May 27,					
Dec. 18,	G. F. King & Merrill, stationery	.	.	.	6 50
July 1,	S. P. Rowell, repairing	.	.	.	2 00
Jan. 14, 1885, }	J. W. Reeves, books	.	.	.	1 50
July 1, 1884. }	Estes & Lauriat	"	.	.	27 54
" 11,	J. B. Holmes	"	.	.	1 50
Dec. 30,	Eastman's Express	.	.	.	4 85
July 15,					
Aug. 11,	E. Johnson, books	.	.	.	8 25
Jan. 14, 1885, }	James L. Bowen, books	.	.	.	2 15
Aug. 18, 1884, }	Geo. B. Sargent, ribbon	.	.	.	50
Sept. 20,	Lockwood, Brooks & Co., books	.	.	.	5 45
" 27,	Insurance	.	.	.	5 28
Nov. 13,	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., books	.	.	.	4 00
Dec. 6,	Library Bureau,	"	.	.	7 25
" 12,	" Journal	.	.	.	5 00
Jan. 14, 1885. }	S. Hobbs & Co., books	.	.	.	1 60
" 14,	W. P. Hood	"	.	.	15 00
" 29,	P. O. Box	.	.	.	1 00
1884-85. }	Sundries, postage, mucilage, ink, labels, &c.	.	.	.	6 60
" " }	Balance on hand	.	.	.	54 27
Feb. 2, 1885,					

\$1,134 83
Statement of the Horatio Nelson Perkins Fund.

Feb. 2, 1885,	Balance on hand	.	.	.	\$520 20
					\$520 20

IN ACCOUNT WITH E. H. GOSS, TREASURER. CR.

Feb. 12, 1884,	By balance from account of 1883-4 . . .	\$45 74
Mch. 19,	cash of Town Treasurer, dog tax, 1883 . . .	509 83
" 19,	" " annual appropriation . . .	500 00
Oct. 11,	} cash from Librarian for fines . . .	66 11
July 9,		
Jan. 26, 1885. }		
" " " " "	Catalogues . . .	13 15

\$1,134 83

Statement of the Horatio Nelson Perkins Fund.

Feb. 1884,	By amount in Melrose Savings Bank,—	
	(The Permanent Fund) . . .	\$500 00
	interest to Jan. 1, 1885 . . .	20 20
		<u>\$520 20</u>

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. GOSS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library present their Fourteenth Annual Report.

To your Trustees there are even more forcible reminders of the swift passing of time than the urgent calls of the printer for copy; and among these are the increase of patronage, good evidence of appreciation, and, more forcible still, the fast filling last alcove in our present Library Room, with its silent demand for increased accommodation.

These show not only the lapse of time, but that which sometimes is its best fruitage,—a more general and hearty appreciation of the benefits and advantages freely granted by the Town in all matters pertaining to popular education.

The gift of our friend Judge Perkins, deposited in our Savings Bank, has now yielded a year's interest, and the Trustees are about purchasing such books as will best serve to perpetuate the gift and the name of the giver.

A timely letter from our friend Colonel Drake appeared in the *Melrose Journal*, last April, suggesting that entertainments be given, and a special fund created, to enable the Trustees to secure books of high class and cost.

The *Perkins Fund* will, in a limited way, serve as a guide; and it is our hope, by the judicious expenditure of the income derived from this source, to encourage many of our citizens to gifts of a similar character.

The recent additions to the Library will amply repay your critical examination. Such of our townspeople as have had

occasion to make researches in our stores of learning have seen fit to express themselves both surprised and pleased at the wide range of historical and general literature embraced in our little collection.

We append a list of donations with our statistics, and extend our sincere thanks to the donors for their gifts.

By the courtesy of Wm. L. Williams, Esq., lists of new books added from time to time have appeared in the *Melrose Journal*.

DONATIONS.

Pamphlets.

Number of pamphlets reported last year	.	.	.	676
Deduct the Webster Eulogies, now bound and added				
to the number of books in the Library	.	.	.	41
				635
Annual Report of the Boston Public Library	.	.	.	1
" " " " Chicago " "	.	.	.	1
" " " " Holbrook " "	.	.	.	1
" " " " Lancaster " "	.	.	.	1
" " " " Malden " "	.	.	.	1
" " " " Manchester, (N.H.), Public Library,				1
" " " " Newton " "				1
" " " " Peabody Institute " "				1
" " " " Wakefield (Beebe) " "				1
" " " " Watertown " "				1
The Library Guide	.	.	.	1
The Tufonian	.	.	.	9
Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office	.	.	.	52
Nmber of phamplets now in Library	.	.	.	707

*Books.**Donors.*

Memoir of Samuel G. Drake	.	.	Samuel A. Drake.
New England Folk-Lore (Manuscript)	.	.	" " "
Views on Vexed Questions	.	.	W. W. Kingsley.
Sheridan's Veterans	.	.	Joseph D. Wilde.
Old State House Memorial	.	.	" " "
Massachusetts State Government, 2 v.	.	.	" " "

The American Naturalist	C. N. Chapin.
26th Annual Report of the Trade } and Commerce of Chicago, }	George F. Stone.
Arguments against Woman Suffrage } Answered and Refuted, }	W. L. Williams.
Eulogies on the Death of Dan'l Webster, 2 v.	" " "
Longman's Magazine, 2 vols. . . .	Daniel Jefferson.
Tenth Census, 7 vols.	S. Z. Bowman.
Henry Westcott, A Memorial . . .	Mrs. Henry Westcott.
Memorial of Wendell Phillips . . .	City of Boston.
What shall we do with our Daughters .	Mary A. Livermore.
Memoir of George B. Emerson . . .	Rev. R. C. Waterston.

Papers.

The Literary World	Daniel Jefferson.
The Melrose Journal	Wm. L. Williams.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Number of volumes in Library January 1, 1884 . . .	5,484
“ “ “ purchased this year . . .	396
“ “ “ donated “ “ . . .	25
	421
Number of volumes in Library January 1, 1885 . . .	5,905
Number of persons using Library January 1, 1884 . .	1,619
“ “ cards issued this year . . .	307
“ “ “ relinquished this year . . .	19
	288
Number of persons using Library January 1, 1885 . .	1,907
Largest number of volumes issued in one day . . .	477
Smallest “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ (December 24, stormy) . . .	46
Average “ “ “ “ on Mondays . . .	91
“ “ “ “ on Saturdays . . .	336
Whole “ “ “ “ in March . . .	3,302
“ “ “ “ in May . . .	2,629
“ “ “ “ in November . . .	2,639
“ “ “ “ in December . . .	2,455
“ “ “ “ this year . . .	29,447
Increase in circulation “ “ . . .	1,189

Five hundred and ten books have been rebound.

The Library has been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, and Monday evenings, with the exception of the customary holidays.

Among the gifts will be noticed the carefully edited, handsomely bound, and finely illustrated volumes of the *Massachusetts State Government of 1879*, with admirable portraits of Governor Long, the Council, Judges of the Courts, Senators, &c.; and also the "*Old State House Memorial*," a very interesting volume of much historic interest and value. Both these gifts are from our friend Joseph D. Wilde, Esq.

That the war of the Rebellion is fast passing into history is well illustrated by the numerous additions of a single year to our collection. In addition to the official records of the war published by the Government, and added to the Library as fast as procured,—and many volumes descriptive of particular campaigns and battles,—the following Regimental histories have been purchased:—

1st Mass. Regiment.	35th Mass. Regiment.
2d " "	36th " "
5th " "	37th " "
6th " "	38th " "
12th " "	44th " "
21st " "	45th " "
27th " "	49th " "
32d " "	55th " "
33d " "	10th " (Sleeper's) Battery.

Any of our citizen soldiers who have volumes of Regimental History in their possession, which our catalogue shows are lacking in our collection, will confer a favor upon the Town Library by giving such information to the Trustees as will enable them to purchase the volumes needed to complete the series.

The Book-Notes of "*Bibliophile*," seventeen of which were placed before the readers of the *Melrose Journal* in 1884, have served to increase the information of the public

as to some of the books which may be read by all, and have been read by the author of these pungent little notelets.

A single extract will, we trust, serve to further arrest the attention of that honored citizen who has made up his mind to leave a handsome legacy to the Library, by his last will and testament, and lead him to change his plans in so far as to put them into execution at once.

Good examples are plentiful of men who are enjoying the inestimable privilege of being their own executors, and of carrying out with daily delight their own well-developed plans.

“A very fine library building is about to be erected in Malden, at a cost, including the land, of about one hundred and forty thousand dollars. This is a gift from a citizen of the town.” “Bibliophile” read the above, and was sad. He was reading Librarian Winchester’s report on the “Public Support of the Free Public Library,” made to the Trustees of the Russell Library, of Middletown, Conn., wherein he makes one’s mouth water by speaking of the beautiful gems of library buildings already existing, — the “Ames Free Library” of Easton, the Concord, the Woburn, the “Thomas Crane Public Library” of Quincy, and others, and the one to be possessed by our mother, Malden, as indicated by the above extract. Give us, oh ye rich! a \$40,000 one, like the Thomas Crane of Quincy, and we won’t ask for a \$140,000 one until some time after Melrose becomes a city! Then “Bibliophile” read, in the same report, what Professor Jevons, of Owens College, England, said: —

“Free libraries are engines for creating the habit and power of enjoying first-class literature, and thus carrying forward the work of civilization which is commenced in the primary school;” and again, “Let us study to perfect the workings of this crowning department in our apparatus for popular education. Unlike all other public charities, the free library is equally generous to those who have and to those who lack. It cares as tenderly for the many as for the few, and removes some of those painful contrasts in human opportunity which all good men are anxious to rectify;” and realizing that Melrose, notwithstanding it has no nice roof-tree of its own, is nevertheless enjoying the existence of

one of those "engines for creating the habit and power of enjoying first-class literature," "Bibliophile" was happy!

While it seems hardly necessary to repeat the "twice-told tales" of our hopes and plans for the Library, yet we are aware that time has served to teach lessons as to the educational advantages of such an institution, which could only have been learned in time, and as one of the blessed results of experience.

Having therefore reached a point where a change of plan is imperative on account of our cramped quarters, we again request the establishment of a Public Reading Room.

The Room now used by the School Committee is perfectly adapted to the purpose, as it was originally prepared for the Library and piped for gas throughout with that end in view; and therefore no extra expense would need to be incurred in that direction. Being opposite the Library entrance, it would attract and care for the overflow of readers, and give them an opportunity, now lacking in so many homes, of an hour for study and reflection.

It would also enable the townspeople to use to advantage our Reference Library, now, from its location, almost inaccessible.

In addition to these advantages, it would furnish proper location for our pamphlets, now numbering several hundred, which could then be made ready for general use.

The Monthly Illustrated Magazines, now unused until bound, would then be read from month to month as they come fresh from the press.

The opening of the Reading Room would also help toward the solution of a problem of serious interest: Where may our young men spend an hour or two in the evening amid attractive surroundings?

Mr. Whipple says: "Precious and priceless are the blessings which books scatter around our daily paths."

In Malden, Wakefield, Stoneham, and very many other towns, the Reading Room has been found of great and lasting

advantage to the young, and a real and permanent blessing to the community.

Your Trustees feel that public opinion justifies them in calling the matter to the attention of the Town, with a request for immediate and favorable consideration.

Our co-Trustee, Miss Phœbe Norris, now Mrs. Benneson, invaluable as a citizen and as a tried and trusted friend of all plans for the development of educational schemes, having removed from the town, it will become necessary to fill her place at the Annual Town Meeting.

We request an appropriation of five hundred dollars and the Dog Tax for the Library, and two hundred and fifty dollars for the Reading Room.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES C. BARRY,

Secretary.

ELDRIDGE H. GOSS,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
THOMAS B. PECK,		
HANNAH LYNDE,		
CHAS. C. BARRY.		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MELROSE,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1884.

MELROSE:
PRINTED BY T. W. RIPLEY.
1885.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

1884 — 1885.

ORGANIZATION.

JULIUS S. CLARK	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Chairman.</i>
MRS. S. W. BRADBURY	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Secretary.</i>
MRS. A. K. MILLER	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Supply Agent.</i>

COMMITTEE.

THOMAS W. RIPLEY	-	-	-	-	Term expires	1887.
MRS. S. W. BRADBURY	-	-	-	-	" "	1887.
CLIFTON FLETCHER	-	-	-	-	" "	1886.
MRS. J. G. ADAMS	-	-	-	-	" "	1886.
JULIUS S. CLARK	-	-	-	-	" "	1885.
MRS. A. K. MILLER	-	-	-	-	" "	1885.

TO THE CITIZENS OF MELROSE.

With the close of another year we again submit an account of our stewardship, into whose trust you have confided, as parents and citizens, your most sacred obligations. We appreciate the magnitude of this responsibility, and, if we have not attained to what we have wished and to what you may have reasonably expected, attribute it rather to limitation of powers than to want of zeal. While the reports of each year are somewhat formal in their aspects and monotonous in their recitations, yet, when contrasted with those of years gone, evidences of departure in methods of performance and systems of instruction are apparent; and we hope that results of good, more or less commensurate with the efforts put forth, have been attained.

THE BOARD.

It is a wise provision of the law that contemplates a three years' tenure for each member of the Committee, the terms of two expiring each year, — that the members, as a whole, may not be unfamiliar with their duties. Unfortunately, in fact, this is not always so, owing to the "divine right" of resignation. An acceptance of a position on the Board should involve a tacit agreement to continue the full term, if possible, both in the interest of the cause and in justice to fellow-members, upon whom devolves greater labor and responsibility with inexperienced co-laborers. At present this condition does not prevail, and the welfare of all concerned has been promoted thereby. The aggregate service of the present Committee is twenty-one years, giving an average of three and a half years to each. There has been no change in the *personnel* of the Committee since the last report; but in November Mr. Fletcher, to the regret of his associates, resigned his position as chairman, which he had so ably and

faithfully filled for five consecutive years,—the longest in the history of the town; and the Board was reorganized with Mrs. S. W. Bradbury as secretary and the undersigned as chairman.

FINANCIAL.

Dr.

To Teachers' Salaries	\$13,114 10
“ Teacher of Music and Elocution	356 00
“ Janitors' Salaries	1,077 20
“ Committee's “	287 50
“ Agent's “	66 34
“ Fuel	990 10
“ Miscellaneous expenses (contingent and text-book)	4,732 47
“ Balances on hand Jan. 1, 1885	447 09
Total	<u>\$21,090 80</u>

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By General Appropriation at Annual Meeting	\$15,500 00
“ Contingent “ “ “	2,500 00
“ Text-Book “ “ November “	2,000 00
“ Balances on hand Jan. 1st, 1884	716 59
“ State School Fund	1 7 76
“ Receipts from other sources	156 45
Total	<u>\$21,090 80</u>

Amount expended, for all purposes, past year . . . \$20,543 71

Amount needed the ensuing year, \$20,875, namely:—

For Salaries of Teachers	\$14,000 00
“ “ “ Janitors	1,150 00
“ “ “ Committee	325 00
“ “ “ Agent	100 00
“ School Supplies, <i>i. e.</i> , books, stationery, &c.	1,250 00
“ Contingent expenses	2,000 00
“ New Schools	500 00
“ Fuel	1,050 00
“ Out-building, Centre School (if found necessary)	500 00
Total	<u>\$20,875 00</u>

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

There was appropriated for 1884 the sum of \$2,500. The sum asked for contemplated some large and unusual outlays; such as two furnaces and improved ventilation for High School building, and furnishing of three new schools; and these aggregated a sum of \$1,000. In the past few years much has been done to improve the convenience and appearance of school lots, in the way of curbing and concreting and in the planting of trees. A judicious expenditure in making public buildings attractive we believe to be wise, and in harmony with your sentiments. While each year brings its demands, we see no extraordinary ones in the immediate future, and have therefore asked for a less sum for the ensuing year.

GRADING OF SCHOOLS.

Among the superior advantages of cities and towns over more sparsely settled communities, not the least of those conducive to efficiency are the opportunities for grading. The greater the number of pupils within definite territorial limits, the more, without increased expense, may be the grades. Each year of school-life should be spent in a distinctive grade.

It is evident that a teacher can do more and better work, and with less outlay of health and strength, with a room of one class or grade, than with several; and whatever favors the teacher in her work, equally benefits the pupil. The organization of our schools contemplates an eight-years' pupilage for the average child, from the alphabet to high school. Until within the last three years, there were but five schools for this eight-year course, when, by reducing the grade of the Intermediate where it was possible, there was created an additional or Fourth Grammar; and eventually this plan will be extended to a Fifth and Sixth.

While an eight-year course is contemplated, some are

longer while others are a shorter time in traversing the ground, depending on aptitude, health, and the circumstances of home.

But better grading is in many instances a sufficient offset to shorten the course by a year, or bring it within the time meditated.

COURSE OF STUDY.

One word regarding this nightmare of *overwork*,—this “undermining of the health” and “wrecking of the constitution,” that is to result from the requirements of our course of study. Five hours a day, five days in the week, and forty weeks in the year, in mental activity, is going to effect nervous and physical degeneracy in the future man! The curriculum of the Melrose schools—and the same is probably true of every Massachusetts town—is in no way excessive in its requirements, or prejudicial to the attainment of the highest standard of bodily health,—a sound mind in a sound body. Work and hard work are necessities of our nature. But if, in addition to school requirements, nervous energies are diverted to outside tasks, and expended in follies and dissipations, place the responsibility where it belongs. Do not let us deceive ourselves with this platitude, nor foster the sentiment that our children are made up of a little more delicate material than their parents, or that they require special *coddling*; else we will find them always distanced in the race by the country stalwart, whose knocks and knowledge have each a value in life. No: it is that children are *underfed*, even in the most luxurious homes, that causes pale faces and bright eyes. A cup of *coffee* and a slice of *bread* for breakfast is not fuel enough for five or eight hours.

HEALTH. — MORALS.

The entrusted responsibility of your Committee comprehends the complete welfare of your children; and mental culture is not paramount, in our obligations, to morals and

health,— mental and physical purity. Teachers are enjoined by a law of our State to impress on the minds of their pupils the virtues of chastity, sobriety, temperance, &c., and we believe that they conscientiously perform this duty. Public schools, being democratic in their ends, are essentially so in their composition; and elegance, refinement, and good-breeding are not attendants in every household. Hence the necessity to protect on the one hand, and reform on the other; for such is to be the sovereign people.

Physical culture has justly become a feature of instruction in all grades, from “mother’s little darling” to Master Whitman’s broad-shouldered fourth-year “boys.” It is recreation, relaxation, and reconstruction epitomized. It aids discipline, sweetens disposition, facilitates mental digestion, and is in every way salutary.

The sanitary condition of the various buildings is on the whole very fair; but in no single instance are all things as they should be,—i. e. *heat, light, ventilation, drainage, and sewerage*. There are no crying evils, and the buildings and surroundings will compare favorably with the various homes. We note the following:—

1st. It is quite impossible, with a very low temperature in connection with high winds, always to warm the larger buildings to a comfortable degree with furnace heat, notwithstanding the fires are run night and day; and possibly this could not be wholly obviated with steam heat, as there are individual days when in the large towns schools are adjourned for like cause.

2d. During the short and dark days of winter, the rooms of the High School Building, especially the First Grammar, suffer inconvenience from insufficient light; and, while this was bettered by alterations two years since, further improvement cannot be had, and the evil will have to be borne.

3d. As to ventilation, the newer houses are well provided, especially the Grove Street and Franklin. The assembly room of the High School, which was defective in this respect, has been cared for during the past year. The Lynde Street

and Vinton Street are defective, but, with strict attention on the part of the teachers in opening windows during recesses and physical exercises, are made tolerable.

4th. With the exception of the High and Vinton Street, the locations of the houses are such as to afford good surface drainage, and with the latter the sandy nature of the soil is such as to readily dissipate the rain-fall; but, with the High School, neither the lay of the land nor conditions of the soil are such as to immediately free it from saturation, although steps have been taken to prevent the water from the roof finding its way into the cellar. With an unusual amount of rain it may cause some inconvenience; still, it cannot remain long, nor be serious in its consequences.

5th. The most important, and at the same time most perplexing, question to deal with in this connection, and the same can be said of the town generally, is how and where to locate vaults, and how dispose of sewage. There being no system of sewerage for all, each householder resorts to expedients. The older buildings are provided with detached out-door buildings with dry vaults, which, while being an evil, may be less so than some more modern arrangements. The Centre and Grove Street buildings, which are provided with water-closets in the basements, the former with water vaults and the latter with individual bowls, have been causes of complaint; but during the past summer certain defects were obviated, and since that time repeated inspection and the testimony of the teachers discover no cause for complaint. If the steps taken do not continue efficient, an out-house will have to be built for the Centre, for which emergency we have provided in asking for a special contingent in our next appropriation. With the Franklin, last built, a departure in furtherance of a better plan has been made, which consists in combining the advantages of separation and flushing,—*detached water-closets*. The success or failure of this may help to solve existing problems, and aid future building committees.

THE NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE AND ITS SCHOOLS.

During the past year there has been built on Franklin Street, and known as the FRANKLIN, a four-room building, for the accommodation and requirements of this growing section of our town.

The committee having the matter in charge have been successful in giving you a building both ornamental to the town and happily adapted to its purposes.

Three schools are at present lodged there, and there is a spare room for another when organized. Before the consolidation of the Highlands and the two Green Street Schools, from which these three schools were formed, they were all mixed schools, containing each two or more grades; but in reorganizing them two were given a single grade,—one primary and one intermediate,—while one remains, as before, a mixed grammar grade, and this may be simplified when another school is established. To be more explicit: the Green Street Lower School, by the transfer of the greater number to the Franklin, and a few to whom it was quite as convenient to the Centre, was better graded, and the taxpayers saved about six hundred dollars in one school less. But this arrangement is not intended to be permanent; but, in justice to residents in the neighborhood, a school for the younger ones should be re-established at Green Street when the number of pupils warrant it.

OLD HIGHLANDS BUILDING.

It was a question with your Committee whether or not this building should continue to be occupied as a school for the very young pupils living west of the railroad. There seemed to be reasons for and against it; but it was decided, according to the preferences of those immediately interested, to abandon it for the more attractive new one.

It will be many years ere it will be necessary to increase the accommodations for more scholars than are furnished by

the new building; and when overflow does come, a large part can be turned back to the Green Street building, from whence it has been diverted.

With this statement of the facts, we submit to you, whether it would be for the best to dispose of the house and lot, for which there is little prospective need, and convert the proceeds into a building where there is present demand.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW SCHOOL-HOUSE.

The following was the order of exercises at the dedication
School-house, Sept. 20, 1884:—

1. Music. By the Pupils.
2. Dedicatory Prayer By REV. J. G. TAYLOR.
3. Hymn (composed for this occasion) By J. G. ADAMS, D. D.

[Tune, *Webb*.]

Great Source of Light and Blessing,
This day we come to Thee,
In grateful songs addressing
Thy throne of majesty;
Thy gracious aid imploring
On waiting servants here,
Who, while Thy name adoring,
Would feel Thy presence near!

In mutual joy we gather
To offer up to Thee
This Science-Temple, Father,—
Henceforth, we trust, to be
A home of Learning's graces,
A court where Mind is Might,
One of our fair high-places
Of Wisdom, Truth, and Right.

And while in Art's own beauty
This noble structure stands,
Be the great work of duty
Done by our faithful hands;
Work that, by Thine ordaining,
Our youth shall share and bless,
In their own growth and training
For Life and Righteousness.

On this and every nation,
Great God of all, we pray
Let sovereign Education
Open its radiant day;
Till man, from darkness waking
Throughout our earth, shall be
In Wisdom's guidance, making
His upward steps to Thee.

4. Delivery of the Keys

By Mr. JOEL SNOW, Chairman of Building Committee ; acceptance
by Rev. C. FLETCHER, Chairman of School Committee.

5. Addresses . By Rev. Messrs. J. G. TAYLOR and J. G. ADAMS.

6. Evening Hymn.

7. Benediction.

FELLS.

Through the continued courtesy of Hon. E. W. Converse, we have been permitted, for another year, to occupy a room in the Fells Chapel building, in consideration of the fact that the town was to build at the Highlands during this time, which was of itself a reasonable undertaking for one year.

How long this indulgence of Mr. Converse will continue, we are unable to say ; nor would it be either wise or magnanimous to ascertain by prolonged inaction in the matter of providing for our own wants. The pupils in this district increase in numbers month by month, and the present accommodations are nearly taken, and by the time a building could be erected the present room would be inadequate. As stated in last year's report, Mr. Converse invited the Committee to select a desirable lot for school purposes, and they designated a spot on Washington Street, hill side, a short distance north of the factory ; but, as they had no authority in the premises, they could take no formal action. However, at the last November meeting, this authority was conferred, and action has been taken in accepting the same. Many children living on Washington Street, now attending the Vinton and Grove Schools, would be better accommodated at the Fells, in case a two-room building were located there ; and this would relieve, to some extent, the present pressure on those schools.

NEW SCHOOL.

An addition of one to our number has been made in the formation of the Centre Intermediate School. This became necessary in order to relieve the others of this grade from their excess. For the better accommodation of all, this was located in the Centre Building, and, to make place for this, the Third Grammar (Miss Barrett's) was transferred to Grove Street Building.

THE CENTRE.

That the town of Melrose will have to engage in school-house building in the immediate future is evident, and an early recognition of the fact is important.

There has been a large increase in population and pupils during the past few years, and the increase in school accommodations has not been proportionate. A limited increase of pupils in a town can be cared for by the elasticity (so to speak) of its several schools, as has been with us; but the limit of accommodation has been reached in several schools,—notably, the Second, Third, and Fourth Grammar grades. The natural increase in school population first appears in the lower grades, and, like an incoming tide, is upward in its course. Having experienced the beginning of its rise during the past three years, we have established six schools of lower grades: Primary (2), Intermediate (2), and Fourth Grammar (2).

At the beginning of the September term the tide had come up to the grammar grades; and with the increased accessions that must come next September from below, we shall have to provide another school for each of the second and third grammar grades, and, possibly, for a fourth grammar. In brief: the Fells needs two rooms by next September, and the Centre three additional rooms as soon as September, 1886.

Number pupils last term of	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.	1884.
	813	892	913	987	1,087
Increase of thirty per cent. in five years.					

TOWN AGENCY — FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

For the past two years Miss Carrie A. Eastman has acted as agent for the sale of books, at cost prices, under the auspices of the Board, and in a highly satisfactory manner.

Under the new law, however, additional and peculiar duties are involved, which seemed to demand a knowledge possessed by one familiar with and engaged in every-day school work ; and an authority over teachers and pupils and property inherent in the Board, or one of its members, and which possibly could not be legally delegated, caused the selection of one of our members, Mrs. A. K. Miller, for the performance of these duties. The work is systematized in the following manner :—

An open account of all supplies is kept between the Board and its agent ; between the agent and the several teachers ; and between the teachers and their pupils. The vouchers of disbursement for the agent are the receipts of the teachers, which, with the stock on hand, is compared with the invoice of purchases, and audited by the Board. The ultimate agents, the teachers, assume as on hand whatever they have receipted for, less the amount expended,—such as, pens, paper, ink, &c.,—and whatever is from time to time condemned as worn-out or useless,—as, books, &c., which are dropped.

The law referred to makes it obligatory upon the several towns of the Commonwealth to gratuitously furnish all supplies that are required for use in the school-room. Heretofore this has been optional with the towns, and a number of towns for several years past have tried the same, and, as far as we know, have been satisfied with its practical operations. Undoubtedly, there are many things to be said for and against the wisdom of this measure. With limited observation and experience, we will not presume to pass emphatically upon it ; yet, the following are some of its good features : As the children of the rich and poor alike receive

this bounty, no child or parent can feel *pauperized*, as many did when books were furnished, as heretofore, only to the indigent ; no child can offer, as an excuse for absence or truancy, that he or she has *no book* ; no time is lost at the beginning of the term for children to provide themselves with books, which has in the past been equivalent to several days' tuition for the whole school. While it directly increases public taxation, and imposes a special tax where its special benefits are not always had, yet it lessens indirect taxation, or taxation as a whole, in that the aggregate sum expended is much less ; because, when books are purchased and owned by the pupil, the original cost is increased by so much as the retailer's profit may be, and the complete utility of a book is frequently limited to one pupil, where there is but one in a family, instead of doing duty for two or three successively, as it can and will, as now owned and controlled. These are its economic and disciplinary advantages.

As the passage of this law was subsequent to our last report, no appropriation was asked for, which rendered it necessary at the September town-meeting to ask for an appropriation of \$2,000, which we had anticipated. As a complete outfit for every pupil was required, the outlay was double the amount required for annual expenditure.

TEACHERS — CHANGES.

A number of changes in the corps of teachers have occurred ; but they were fortunately so timed as to work the least detriment to the schools.

Five teachers resigned to further their professional interests : viz., Miss Ella F. Norris, of Grove Street Intermediate, in order to further prosecute her studies at Wellesley ; Miss C. E. Sewell, of Highlands ; Miss H. Harden, of Green Street ; Miss C. L. Hollis of Upham Street ; and Miss Emma Perley (who succeeded Miss Norris),—to accept more lucrative positions elsewhere. The first three terminated their connection with the school year, and their successors

began with new classes: Miss Lena Bracket, Miss Belle Mitchell, Miss Emma J. Davis, and Miss Alma J. Guptil, were elected to the above vacancies, in the respective order named. They are all teachers of experience, and much will be expected from them. The newly-formed Centre Intermediate was given to Miss Emma L. Randlette, whom the Committee had in view for some time, and from whom good things were expected, and have been realized.

The changes in the High School are noted under that caption.

DRAWING.

For the past ten years this branch of education has been taught in our schools, to an extent at least to discover where natural aptitude is found, and perhaps this is as far as the genius of our common-school system leads. Where so much is to be taught, and so many things to be learned, it is of doubtful propriety to give non-essentials great prominence or special attention.

MUSIC.

Mr. Whiting still continues in charge of this branch of instruction with zeal and fidelity. Americans are not proverbially a musical people, and for this reason the cultivation of the ear and voice of themselves cannot be more successfully begun than in our public schools; but, aside from this, it is refining to the sensibilities, promotive of good feeling, and an aid to discipline. While not originally contemplated as essential to public instruction, it has become so.

SUPERVISION — SUPERINTENDENCE.

What the true interests of the town are in the matter of supervision is a question that cannot be settled by mere *dictum*. Your committee have never felt, all things considered, that the time had come when it became their duty to unqualifiedly recommend the employment of a superintendent.

As an abstract proposition, immediate superintendence is a good thing, and good superintendence is an excellence. With a large number of schools (say fifty), personal oversight and direction is indispensable for educational and financial interests. In towns of less than ten thousand inhabitants, whether it be desirable or otherwise depends upon certain peculiar conditions of the town in question: whether sufficiently good work is being done under committee supervision; whether the town can afford the outlay (and it can, if it must); and whether the probabilities of better results sufficiently outweigh possibilities of less favorable ones.

The latter contingency depends upon the endowments of the man selected. Many towns in the Commonwealth have employed superintendents to their great satisfaction; others, less emphatically so; while not a few, after years of trial and for competent reasons, have returned to Committee supervision. If attainments, aptitude, and experience are found in the one man, his administration will be a success. But these attributes may not be found in one who is both a prime scholar and teacher.

It is said, however questionable it may be, that poets are born and orators made; and while the ideal superintendent need be neither a poet nor an orator, yet it is a prerequisite that he be both *born* and *made*. The town is growing, the schools are increasing, and the work and responsibility of your Committee yearly enlarges; and how long you will be able to enlist citizens in this work, with even its present demands on time, and how satisfactory may be their conduct of affairs, are questions to be weighed, now and hereafter, in determining the question of supervision and superintendence.

DISCIPLINE.

The matter of discipline caused but little concern during the year. Some violations of the rules have occurred; but these have been satisfactorily dealt with by the teachers without resorting to severe measures, and no grave

infractions of rules have necessitated action by the Board. Corporal punishment is, as a rule, the resort of an incompetent teacher; yet there are cases arising when this mode of action is the only alternative to expulsion, and of the two to be preferred: as there may and do occur instances of obscene language and conduct when an heroic remedy is called for, and here the conventional birch (Solomon's rod?) will be found to retain its pristine virtues, heedless of time and sentiment. The government of a school must be *positive* and *efficient*.

PARENTAL VISITATION.

As a matter of business, every man should know from personal investigation, from time to time, what his agents are doing. In the ordinary affairs of life this is done; but in the more important interests of education he is content to delegate his authority, unquestioned except perhaps in town-meeting, to others. And this applies not only to those who have a general concern, but to parents, who have special and vital interests involved. At all times parents are welcomed by teachers; but, in order to promote visitation, a particular day in each month has been set apart, hoping thereby that parents might feel increased obligations, but without success. Much assistance can be given a teacher, in dealing with so many children of various habits and dispositions, if previously acquainted by the parent with many little things regarding the child. And when anything unsatisfactory occurs between teacher and pupil, with what ease, generally, it can be adjusted by the parent going directly to the teacher, rather than coming to the Committee with one side of a story.

TEACHING.

Good teachers are a *sine qua non* to a good school. External agencies supplement them only. Goldsmith's village schoolmaster "could read and cypher too," and withal may have been something of a *teacher*. The world was not full of perfect teachers then,—nor is it now; for, when we are in

want of one, we find it so. Professor Tyndall said, in a clever speech, lately, that in his youth, while master in Queenwood College, he learned by practical experience that two factors went to the formation of a teacher.

In regard to knowledge, he must, of course, be master of his work. But knowledge was not all. There might be knowledge without power,—the ability to inform without the ability to stimulate. Both went together in the true teacher. A power of character must underlie and enforce the work of the intellect. There were men who could so rouse and energize their pupils—so call forth their strength and the pleasure of its exercise—as to make the hardest work agreeable. Without this power it was questionable whether the teacher could ever really enjoy his vocation,—with it he did not know a higher, nobler, and more blessed calling than that of the man who, scorning the cramming so prevalent in our day, converted the knowledge he imparted into a lever to lift, exercise, and strengthen the growing minds committed to his care.

These are sentences which should be weighed by all who propose to become teachers. Not until the world of instruction is filled with such teachers will the profession take the rank which it ought to occupy.

FIRST GRAMMAR.

For the past four years this school has been in charge of Miss Fairbanks, and, to those who have been wisely fortunate in availing themselves of privileged visits, it speaks for itself. With many scholars this is the end of school life. This is necessarily so with some, as the circumstances of home will not suffer continued expenditure of means, nor allow of longer absence from bread-winning. With others, those who have lesser abilities and ambitions, longer continuance at school is of questionable value. The requirements of this grade are up to those of the high-school grades in many parts of the country, and the course of study so selected as to give a good practical equipment for life. With the parents of a few, the question of a high-school course has turned, in the weigh-

ing of possibilities, on the outlay for books. Now, with the gratuitous supply of these, some will attain this object that in the past would not. Your Committee are entirely satisfied that they have vigorous teaching in this school, and are assured that no more work or better teaching is accomplished anywhere than in this grade and school.

GRADUATES OF FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

June 27, 1884.

MINNIE E. BACKER.
JOHN T. BARKER.
FRANCIS N. BEMIS.
CHARLOTTE BENNETT.
MARION E. BRADBURY.
NELLIE R. BRADBURY.
ALEXANDER C. BURKE.
CORNELIUS S. CASEY.
FRANK W. CHAPMAN.
CHARLES W. COBURN.
STEPHEN P. COLLEGAN.
ESTHER L. COPELAND.
MARY BERTHA CORSON.
LILLIE S. CROCKER.
CECILIA COYLE.
JOSEPHINE E. DEMPSEY.
ERNEST W. EMERY.
HATTIE DELIA FIELD.
ALBERT M. FRENCH.
WALTER S. GIBBONS.
HELEN I. GORDON.
EDITH G. HOCKING.
FRANK B. HOLMES.
BLANCHE S. JACOBS.

HENRY V. JAMISON.
JOHN J. KEATING.
CLARA B. LEAVITT.
CHARLES H. LERNED.
SARAH A. MACLACHLAN.
SARAH J. MARTIN.
ALICE L. MCINTYRE.
WILBUR DELOSS MERRILL.
DAISY MORSE.
LILLIAN K. MORSE.
ALFRED E. NORRIS.
ELIZA G. PEAKES.
ALVAH L. PEMBERTON.
EDWARD P. PHILLIPS.
WILLIAM E. PLUMMER.
JAMES L. RILEY.
NELLIE C. RORKE.
HENRY A. SMALL.
EDWARD H. STEPHENS.
MABEL STEPHENS.
WARREN A. STONE.
JOHN H. TAPLEY.
EDITH A. TERRILL.
ANNIE WHELDEN.

ISABELLE WHOWELL.

HIGH SCHOOL.

For a full decade of years this institution has been under the tuition of Mr. Whitman and his efficient ally, Miss Bugbee, as Principal and Assistant (in fact, Associate Principal), to the continued satisfaction of all interested, — pupils, parents, and Committee. With the Christmas vacation the services of Miss Bugbee terminated by resignation, and while to the optimist the plan of compensation associates gain and loss, yet less philosophic minds cannot offset the loss of the multitude by the gain of one — or *two*. In looking back to the promoter cause of the fruits of this ten years' tillage, it can be said, modestly and truthfully, by and of her: "Quorum magna pars fui (fuit)." Miss B. possessed in an eminent degree the essential attributes of an educator of youth, — earnestness of purpose, enthusiastic love of the work, natural gifts and acquirements, and a method of teaching based on a knowledge of human faculties. The relations she held to the school were not incidental to her as a teacher of special branches, but came to the individual by reason of peculiar merit. There has never been any designated First or Second Assistant in our High School; but there always will be a particular assistant, who will assume control in absence of the Principal, by designation of the Principal or Committee.

Neither is there any arbitrary arrangement of branches to be taught by a particular teacher, but a rearrangement will be made when for the best interests of the school. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Bugbee was filled by the appointment of one of our own townswomen, Miss Clarimond Mansfield, who, while she has had limited experience in actual school work, has energy, enthusiasm, and undoubted attainments.

In November, Miss Annette Clark, by reason of impaired health, was obliged to ask for a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year, which was granted, and Miss Hattie Ricker, another of our own, was appointed *ad interim*.

Miss Ricker has had several years' experience in the work, and gives successful promise here.

The past doubts of many as to the legitimacy of the High School in the plan of public instruction are now entertained by the few; and that it has a mission, and an important one, in the grand scheme of republican government, is held by the wise legislators of the Commonwealth.

High schools should not be viewed as supplementary to grammar schools, but as schools of secondary instruction in that which directs to a successful individual life,—the harmonious development of the whole man.

To what extent these results are attained or fall short, turns not on the system as a fact, but on the character of its administration. The wise agriculturist is he who plows deep and broad for a yearly increasing harvest. The wise instructor looks less to present *eclat* than to ultimate achievements,—aims rather to the training of the faculties for self-acquisition than for present effect; realizes that the greater world lies outside of school walls, where flowers go on to fruiting. The after history of the Melrose High School graduates, whether in normal schools, art schools, or colleges, speaks eloquently either of their endowments or past instruction, or both. Naturally, however, their preparatory training gets more or less of the glory.

Graduates.

*SARAH A. BURNS.

LOUIE H. ORCUTT.

*LIDA A. CHUTE.

HERBERT L. BOWDOIN.

NELLIE C. DEMPSEY.

*GRANT DRAKE.

ADELAIDE FRENTZ.

*FRED E. ELLIS.

HELEN G. HARRIS.

*CHARLES S. LIBBY.

G. LILIAN JONES.

†WILLIAM H. PREBLE.

ETTA P. MERRILL.

EDWARD B. WALTER.

ARTHUR H. WHITTEMORE.

* English Course.

† College Course.

Not marked, Classical Course.

ABECEDARIANS.

The primary school of to-day is an enjoyable affair, — paradoxical as this may seem to those who hold to the prevailing tenets, or cherish the experiences, of a generation past. The “little tyrant of village school” has played his little part, and passed away forever from the scenes of his triumph, and with him the sentiment that any one can teach the A, B, C’s. The present excellence of primary teachers comprehends the virtues of love, gentleness, firmness, and large enthusiasm, together with grace of speech and manner and person,—in short, personal teaching. Pleasure and instruction go hand-in-hand, and each is the gainer. And this, too, increases healthy physical development without taking the child out of the innocence of the childish sphere of imagination and affection; and, withal, lengthens the term of harmonious infancy. Illustrative of the happy effects of right infant teaching, we do not hesitate to bespeak an examination of the schools in charge of the three teachers senior in our service; viz., Miss Lewis, Mrs. Dermot, and Miss Hersey.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee have aimed to keep fairly abreast of what they have considered true progress toward better educational work; erring, perhaps, in the conservative acceptance of established worth, rather than in the enthusiastic pursuit of ideal methods, that might or might not be of more ultimate value.

Rapidly changing social and industrial conditions prevail; yet our schools remain comparatively fixed. There have been as yet no *Arcana* unfolded: no royal road, or even short cut, to knowledge has been discovered. The way, at least, is democratic, and the same as of old, and is ever to be the same beaten path, with points of attrition smoothened, the mechanism of its system more nicely adjusted, and its bearings lubricated,—and that is about all. A maximum of

teaching, with a minimum of *studying*, will never make a scholar. Thinking and reasoning and inventing and constructing are the prime factors in mental development.

There are tendencies in educational affairs toward experimentation in new departures,—the pursuit of the *new* to the neglect of the *old*,—the letting go of that which has stood the test of time to seize some alluring phantom, that may melt in the very grasp. The safe processes of evolution have been set aside for speedy results of revolution. It is possible that the limit has been nearly reached where extraneous aids to education practically avail to mental achievement. It is also probable that the natural powers of the pupil are often stunted from want of wholesome exercise, uncalled for by officious efforts toward a reduction of the art of teaching to a science. This undoubtedly obtains in much of the educational literature outside of the schools, in the way of the profuse illustration that is proffered and demanded, to the prejudice of the inventive and constructive faculties, which are dormant through passive pleasure. The taste is being gratified and improved, and the eye educated; but at the expense and to the disparagement of other senses and faculties.

In holding fast to that which we deemed good, we may at times see, retrospectively, that we might have sooner adopted what has subsequently seemed necessary and for the best, and we may at the same time have avoided errors of fact less reparable.

However, in all things your Committee have acted in harmony and with unanimity, and have endeavored to make our schools the best they could with the means at their command.

JULIUS S. CLARK,

Chairman.

APPENDIX.

CORPS OF TEACHERS.

NAMES.	SCHOOLS.	DATE OF ELECTION.	SALARIES.
A. G. Whitman	High, Principal.....	November, 1874....	\$1,600
*Annette Clark.....	High, Assistant.....	August, 1880	550
Clarimond Mansfield....	High, Assistant	Décember, 1884....	550
Harriett C. Fairbanks.....	First Grammar, Principal...	November, 1880	800
Charlotte Bishop.....	First Grammar, Assistant...	September, 1882	500
Lucy W. Bisbee.....	Sec. Grammar, Emerson St.	May, 1867.....	550
Alice Maud Swett.....	Sec. Grammar Centre School	December, 1882....	550
Susan D. Melcher.....	Third Gram'r, Emerson St..	May, 1873.....	550
Helen J. Barrett.....	Third Gram'r, Grove St....	December, 1882	550
Lydia Mendum.....	Third and Fourth Grammar, Franklin School.....	November, 1874....	525
Mary A. George.....	Fourth Gram., Cent. School.	May, 1880.	500
Kate W. Bascom.....	Fourth Grammar, Grove St.	September, 1878....	500
Lena Bracket	Intermediate, Grove St.....	January, 1885.....	450
Alice H. Long.....	Intermediate, Vinton St....	September, 1877....	475
Effie C. Sweetser.....	Intermediate, Lynde St....	September, 1882....	450
Emma L. Randlette.....	Intermediate, Centre School,	September, 1884....	450
Belle Mitchell.....	Intermediate, Frank'n Sch'l.	September, 1883....	450
Hannah F. Lewis	Primary, Centre School....	March, 1876	500
Lucy F. Dermot.....	Primary, Vinton St.....	April, 1880.....	500
Mary A. Hersey.....	Primary, Grove St.....	August, 1883	450
Lillie J. Davis	Primary, Franklin School...	September, 1884....	450
Mary E. Whitcomb.....	Primary, Lynde St	December, 1883....	400
Alma J. Guptil.....	Upham Street (mixed).....	December, 1884....	450
Hannah Gibbons	Converse, Fells (mixed)....	December, 1883....	400
Charles E. Whiting.....	Music Teacher....	September, 1879....	350
W. F. Wentworth	Elocution Teacher.....	September, 1884....	100

* Miss Hattie Ricker present substitute teacher.

JANITORS.

High School Building, Frank McLaughlin	\$300
Centre School Building, Charles T. Stevens	175
Grove Street Building, Charles F. Valentine	175
Franklin School Building, Charles H. Fuller	150
Lynde Street Building, Wm. F. Serratt	100
Vinton Street Building, Anthony A. Rich	100
Upham Street School, Eri Upham	60
Converse School, Joseph Emerson	50
	\$1,110

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Frank McLaughlin.	Charles T. Stevens.	Charles H. Fuller.
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HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES.

First Class.

Myrtie J. Bowker.	Lizzie F. Stratton.
M. Lizzie Bowker.	Frank C. Albee.
Minnie W. Cass.	Wilbur F. Beale.
Mary E. Cochrane.	Edwin C. Cragin.
Mary M. Dempsey.	Edmond E. Fernald.
S. W. Dempsey.	Harry H. Hunt.
Nellie O. French.	Gardner I. Jones.
Gertrude M. Goss.	L. Henry Kunhardt.

Second Class.

Annie A. L. Fox.	George E. Fenn.
Florence M. Lerner.	George H. Hardy.
Marion K. Norris.	Arthur L. Jacobs.
Carrie D. Vinton.	D. Ross. Lecraw.
Lyman W. Cleaveland.	Herbert S. Manley.
William H. Woodman.	

Third Class.

Edith L. Burlen.	Albert Bryant.
Laura L. Cass.	Edwin H. Crosby.
Gertrude Day.	Allen R. Gibbons.
Alma F. Field.	R. Henry Harris.
E. Gertrude Furber.	George W. Haskell.
Rosa May Gibbons.	Wm. E. Keating.
Callie H. Hayward.	Frank A. Ingersoll.
Gertrude R. Hesseltine.	Frank W. Lynde.
Carrie L. Lavender.	James W. Grady.
Nellie W. Lynde.	George B. Ellis.
Hattie E. Meleney.	Edward R. Maker.
Grace C. Richards.	K. W. Mansfield.
Carrie H. Roberts.	John Philpot.
Bertha S. Shepard.	Ernest A. Remond.
Virginia L. Webster.	H. G. Ripley.
Edward F. Blanchard.	W. W. Robbins.
Fred P. Bowden.	Robert W. Williams.

Alfred D. Woodman.

Fourth Class.

Minnie E. Backer.	Annie Whelden.
Charlotte Bennett.	Harry P. Allen.
Nellie Roberts Bradbury.	J. F. Barker.
Esther Louise Copeland.	Frank W. Chapman.
M. B. Corson.	Charles W. Coburn.
Lily S. Crocker.	Ernest Emery.
E. Josephine Dempsey.	Albert M. French.
Hattie Delia Field.	Walter Scott Gibbons.
Cora B. Fox.	Frank B. Holmes.
Helen Isabella Gordon.	Henry Verner Jamison.
Gertrude H. Hillman.	John J. Keating.
Edith H. Hocking.	Charles Henry Lerner.
Blanche Sanborn Jacobs.	Alfred Edson Norris.
Louisa Jones.	Alvah L. Pemberton.
Clara Belle Leavitt.	Edward P. F. Phillips.
S. Josephine Martin.	James L. Riley.
Daisy Morse.	Fritz H. Small.
Nellie C. Rorke.	Harry Augustus Small.
Edith A. Tirrell.	Edward H. Stevens.
Wilbur A. Stone.	

Whole number of scholars in the English Course,	34.
“ “ “ “ “ “ Classical “	52.
“ “ “ “ “ “ College	
Including those contemplating it,	13.
Not in regular course,	4.

ORDER OF SCHOOL EXERCISES.

December, 1884.

MONDAY.

<i>Mr. Whitman.</i>	<i>Miss Mansfield.</i>	<i>Miss Ricker.</i>
1st hour, 1st Class, Virgil.	2d, Anabasis.	4th, Drawing.
2d " 3d & 4th, Civil Gov't.	1st & 3d, Greek.	2d, Literature.
3d " 4th, Algebra.	2d, Sallust.	3d, Caesar.
4th " 2d & 3d, Physics.	4th, English.	1st, Literature.
5th " 3d, Algebra.	4th, Rhetoric.	1st, French.

TUESDAY.

1st hour, 1st, Geology.	2d, Sallust.	3d, Caesar.
2d " 4th, Algebra.	2d, Anabasis.	1st, French.
3d " 3d, Algebra.	1st, Homer.	4th, English History
4th " 2d, Geometry.	3d, Greek.	1st, Eng. Literature.
5th " 3d & 4th, Civil Gov't.	4th, Latin.	2d, French.

WEDNESDAY.

1st hour, 1st, Virgil.	2d, Latin Composition.	4th, Eng. Literature.
2d " 4th, Algebra.	2d, Anabasis.	2d, French.
3d " 3d, Algebra.	1st, Greek.	1st, French.
4th " 1st, Geology,	4th, Latin.	3d, Rhetoric.
5th "	Music.	

THURSDAY.

1st hour, 1st, Virgil.	2d, Sallust.	3d, Caesar.
2d " 3d & 4th, Civil Gov't.	1st, Homer.	2d, French.
3d " 2d & 3d, Physics.	3d, Greek.	4th, Eng. Literature.
4th " 3d, Algebra.	4th, Latin.	2d, Eng. Literature.
5th "	Elocution.	

FRIDAY.

1st hour, 1st, Virgil.	2d, Sallust.	3d, Caesar.
2d " 3d & 4th, Civil Gov't.	4th, Latin.	2d, French.
3d " 4th, Algebra.	1st & 3d, Greek.	3d, Rhetoric.
4th " 2d, Geometry.	4th, Rhetoric.	1st, Eng. Literature.
5th " 1st, Geology.	2d, Anabasis.	4th, Drawing.

Recess of 20 minutes between 3 and 4 hours, and one of 10 minutes between 4 and 5.

ORDER OF EXERCISES, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS,

Town Hall, Friday Evening, June 27th, 1884.

Part I.

- PART SONG — "Phœbus," *Barnby.*
 DECLAMATION — Phillips on Disunion. "
Herbert L. Bowden.
 ESSAY — Jew of Shakespeare and Scott.
Etta P. Merrill.
 ESSAY — The Self-made Man.
Charles S. Libby.
 QUARTETTE — "Spring Song," *Pinsuti.*
Misses Bowker and Chute, Messrs. Cleveland and Preble.
 ESSAY — SELF CULTURE.
Fred E. Ellis.
 RECITATION, *Kate Shelly.*
Louie H. Orcutt.
 RECITATION — "How the Old Horse Won the Bet."
Edward B. Walter.
 SOLO AND CHORUS — "Here in Cool Grot," *C. E. Whiting.*
Solo by Miss H. G. Harris.
 CLASS CHRONICLES.
Grant Drake.

Part II.

- ESSAY — Hidden Gems.
Helen G. Harris.
 ESSAY — Different Modes of Living.
Sarah A. Burns.
 QUARTETTE — "God Ever is Good," *Koschat.*
Misses Cochran and Cass, Messrs. Whittemore and Beale.
 RECITATION — A Medley.
G. Lilian Jones.
 ESSAY — Honesty.
Nellie C. Dempsey.
 ESSAY — Electricity.
Arthur H. Whittemore.
 CLASS SONG — "Sancta Maria," *Meyerbeer.*
By the Graduating Class.
 CLASS PROPHECY.
Lida A. Chute.
 ESSAY, WITH VALEDICTORY — Old Age.
Adelaide Frentz.
 PART SONG — "Come, Gentle May," *Webb.*

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS.

This programme is arranged according to rank, from lowest to highest.

FRANKLIN FRATERNITY.

Prizes for 1885.

The prizes of the Franklin Fraternity are as follows :—

Two prizes for excellence in English Literature and Composition. One prize in Algebra to Affected Quadratic Equations. One prize in Plane Geometry. These examinations are to be held in April.

One prize is offered by Rev. A. G. Bale for the best essay upon the following subject :—

“ Learning and Living, or Truth and Light.”

Mr. J. O. Norris offers one prize for the best result in Natural History or Physical Science,—the conditions and results to be determined by the teachers.

The last two prizes will be awarded at the close of the school year.

The following were the recipients of the prizes of 1884 :

ADELAIDE FRENTZ,

1st prize, excellence in English Literature and Composition.

WILBUR F. BEALE,

2d prize, excellence in English Literature and Composition.

ARTHUR L. JACOBS,

1st prize, excellence in Geometry.

DAVID ROSS LECRAW,

2d prize, excellence in Geometry.

EDWIN I. BLANCHARD,

1st prize, excellence in Algebra.

MARION K. NORRIS,

DAVID H. WOODMAN, } Honorable mention, excellence in Geometry.

Table of Statistics for the Year ending December 31, 1884.

SCHOOLS.	Maximum number from Jan. 1 to July 1.	Average attendance during same time.	Maximum number from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31.	Average attendance during same time.	Number of Pupils, Jan. 1, 1885.	Per cent. of attendance for the year.	Average age Dec. 31, 1884.		Age by Grades.
							Yrs.	Mos.	
HIGH, First Class.....	15	14.1	18	16.8	17	95.9	16	10	16.7
Second Class.....	15	14.5	11	10.9	11	97.5	16	7	
Third Class.....	22	20.	36	34.8	36	96.8	16	1	
Fourth Class.....	41	37.3	43	37.9	39	96.5	15	1	
Totals.....	93	85.9	108	100.4	103	96.6	15	8	---
First Grammar.....	84	77.3	75	68.	75	94.	14	4	14.4
Second " Emerson St.	43	37.5	48	42.	45	90.6	13	4	13.2
" " Centre.....	39	33.7	50	45.	48	93.	13	2	
Third " Emerson St.	56	43.	55	48.5	52	89.8	12	6	12.5
" " Grove St...	47	40.5	54	47.8	49	93.2	12	6	
Mixed " Franklin	3d 20	17.3	23	19.3	22	93.7	12	2	11.4
	4h 26	22.3	34	28.7	31	91.5	11	1	
Fourth " Centre....	29	26.	46	43.	46	92.	11	4	9.2
Fourth, Grove Street.....	47	40.	51	43.	49	94.	11	6	
Intermediate, Grove Street.	53	45.1	40	34.2	40	90.7	9	3	6.9
" Lynde St....	51	42.1	37	31.	36	90.	9	4	
" Centre.....	—	—	40	34.3	38	95.7	8	8	
" Vinton St...	35	31.6	44	38.6	42	93.3	9	6	
" Franklin....	—	—	46	38.5	44	92.6	9	2	8.4
Primary, Centre.....	48	39.4	54	41.	52	91.	6	6	
" Grove Street.....	51	37.7	56	46.5	54	92.	6	7	
" Vinton Street....	51	48.	56	48.	56	91.3	6	9	
" Lynde Street....	38	31.2	40	31.4	38	90.3	7	3	8.4
" Franklin.....	—	—	50	43.	47	86.	6	6	
Mixed, Upham Street.....	—	—	38	28.5	31	89.2	8	1	8.4
" Converse.....	31	21.4	42	30.7	41	84.2	8	7	
Aggregate.....			1087	932.4	1039	91.6			

*Number Pupils Attending Last Term of the Year,
from 1875 to 1884, inclusive.*

GRADES.	'75.	'76.	'77.	'78.	'79.	'80.	'81.	'82.	'83.	'84.
High.....	74	88	86	93	100	88	102	93	99	108
First Gram.....	53	53	42	81	61	64	67	81	89	75
Second "	49	65	84	75	90	97	99	95	89	98
Third "	94	104	112	117	124	117	123	99	129	132
All other.....	436	432	425	439	437	446	501	545	581	675
Total.....	706	742	746	805	812	813	892	913	987	1087

No. Teachers.....	16	16	17	19	19	19	20	21	23	24
Special Instructors	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Total outlay\$	16,389	15,734	14,682	10,851 (10 mo)	13,705	13,568	14,189	16,436	16,981	
Cost per pupil....\$	23.20	21.20	19.48	16.17	16.87	16.66	15.75	18.00	17.20	

*Miscellaneous Data of Neighboring Towns Compared,
from Reports of 1882.*

	Melrose.	Malden.	Wakefield.	Winchester.	Stonham.	Woburn.
No. Pupils in High Schools.....	112	180	68	60	62	145
No. Inhabitants to one H. S. Pupil	50	68	100	69	64	77
No. Pupils to a Teacher.....	43.7	37.3	41	34.5	35.3	38.8
Per cent. attendance in all Schools.....	93	89	88	90	91	91

The upper table gives at a glance the progress of our schools in various grades, and shows an increase of 381, or 35 per cent., in 10 years. The lower table compares us with our neighbors, and the towns are not *selected* for this special showing. However, Melrose leads in desired results: proportionately more pupils; more pupils to a teacher; better attendance.

AN ACT.

To furnish Free-Text Books to the Pupils of the Public Schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECTION 1. The School Committee of every city and town shall purchase, at the expense of said city or town, text-books and other school supplies used in the public schools, and said text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils in said public schools, free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody as the School Committee may prescribe.

SEC. 2. Pupils supplied with text-books at the time of the passage of this Act shall not be supplied with similar books by the Committee until needed.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon the first day of August, 1884.

AGENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MELROSE: I hereby submit a Report of all School Supplies received, issued, and on hand from September 1st to December 31st, 1884.

Dr.

Value of Text-Books received from Miss Eastman	\$137 10
Text-Books purchased from Sept. 1st to Dec. 31st, '84	1,477 82
Supplies, other than Text-Books, received from Miss Eastman	56 05
Supplies, other than Text-Books, purchased from Sept. to Dec. 31st	496 63
Total to be accounted for	\$2,167 60

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Value of Text-Books in hands of pupils (issued)	\$1,530 80
Supplies, other than Text-Books, expended and dropped	312 05
Text-Books in Stock	140 17
Supplies, other than Text-Books, in Stock	184 58
	\$2,167 60
Value of all Supplies on hand	\$324 75

A. K. MILLER, *Agent*.

MELROSE, Jan. 1st, 1885.

By request of the School Board, I have examined the books and accounts kept by Mrs. A. K. Miller, containing a record of all Text-Books and School Supplies purchased and charged to the several schools, also stock on hand, and find them to be correct.

T. W. RIPLEY.

The following is a copy of an Order of Exercises formerly used in the High School. No date is attached.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

MORNING.

*Principal's Room.**Assistant's Room.*

Reading the Testament.

Arithmetic, 1st.

History, 3d.

History, 2d.

Geometry, 1st.

Arithmetic, 4th.

Arithmetic, 4th.

Grammar, 4th.

Latin, 3d.

Recess.

AFTERNOON.

Writing.

Greek, 2d.

Latin, 1st.

History, 4th.

Arithmetic, 3d.

WEDNESDAY.

Reading, Spelling.

Drawing.

SATURDAY.

Composition, Drawing.

Declamation, Spelling.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	COMMITTEE.	
High	Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Fletcher.	
First Grammar	" Adams,	" Fletcher.
Second & Third Grammar, Emerson St.	" Miller,	" Ripley.
Schools of Centre Building . . .	" Miller,	" Clark.
" " Grove St. " . . .	" Bradbury.	" Fletcher.
" " Franklin " . . .	" Adams,	" Ripley.
" " Lynde St. " . . .	" Bradbury,	" Clark.
" " Vinton St. " . . .	" Adams,	" Ripley.
Converse School	" Bradbury,	" Clark.
Upham St. School	Mr. Fletcher,	" Clark.

Supply-day for schools, every day during first week of Fall Term, at 11 A. M., and each Tuesday during the rest of the school year.

Regular meeting of School Board, second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 4.30 P. M.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

I. The school year shall consist of forty weeks, beginning the first Monday in September.

II. The following holidays and vacations shall be granted: Every Saturday, New Year's, Washington's Birthday, Fast, Memorial, Bunker Hill, Independence, Thanksgiving and Christmas Days, and no other day unless by written permission of the Chairman of the School Committee.

Vacations: Christmas week; the Friday after Thanksgiving; one week, beginning the third Monday in February; one week, beginning the fourth Monday in April. From close of summer term to first Monday in September.

III. The daily session of the High School shall begin at 8 o'clock A.M., and close at 1 o'clock P.M. There shall be two recesses,—one of twenty minutes, the other of ten minutes.

The hours for keeping school, except the High School, shall be from 9 o'clock A.M. until 12 M., with a recess of twenty minutes; and from 2 P.M. until 4 P.M., with a recess of ten minutes in Primary and Intermediate Schools. No variation from these hours shall be allowed without the express permission of the Committee.

IV. In case of stormy weather, when, in the judgment of the Committee, it shall be thought proper to omit the forenoon session for *all* schools, the bell will be rung at 7.45; but if the ringing of the bell is delayed to 8.15, the High, First, Second, and Third Grammar grades will not be affected. When afternoon sessions are to be omitted on account of inclement weather, the bell will be rung at 11.45, but all schools of grammar grade will continue in session until 1 P.M.

V. Teachers shall be in their school-rooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the schools, admitting pupils, beginning promptly at the hours specified.

VI. Teachers shall hear all recitations.

VII. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the Committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school-registers, and the Chairman notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule. But, for the purpose of observing modes of discipline and instruc-

tion, teachers may visit other schools to the extent of one half-day each term, at such times as may be arranged between them and the sub-committee of the respective schools. Substitutes will receive from the teachers for whom they substitute five-sevenths of their salary.

VIII. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

IX. Teachers shall not detain pupils after the close of the morning session.

X. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils for violent or pointed opposition to authority, informing the parent or guardian and the Committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

XI. "The several school-teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned." * A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

XII. It shall be the duty of the teacher to report at once, in writing, to the Chairman of Committee, every case of corporal punishment; which report shall state the name and age of the pupil, the amount of punishment, and the reason for its infliction.

XIII. It shall be the duty of all the teachers to give vigilant attention to the ventilation and temperature of their school-rooms.

XIV. No teacher shall contract a bill for repairs on any school buildings, furniture, or grounds, or purchase any article to be charged to the Town.

XV. In case of absence, tardiness, or dismissal before the close of the session, a written excuse from the parent or guardian shall be required. The younger classes in Primary Schools are to be dismissed at recess. All cases of habitual truancy shall be reported to the Committee.

XVI. No pupil shall be admitted to any public school without a permit from some one of the Committee, who will require satisfactory evidence that the child is five years of age, and has been vaccinated; and no pupil will be admitted to any of the Primary Schools except during the first two weeks of each term, unless qualified to enter existing classes.

* Revised Statutes.

XVII. No pupil will be allowed to attend school while any member of their household is sick with small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks from the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person.

XVIII. Pupils absent one month, except on account of sickness, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the Committee.

XIX. No non-resident child, nor one who has only a temporary residence in the town, shall be received or retained in any school, except with the consent of the School Committee, who may require parent or guardian of such child to pay the average cost per scholar in such school, for the time the child is instructed there.

XX. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring school-houses, school furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the Committee deem proper.

XXI. Pupils are not allowed in school yards after school hours, or during vacations or holidays; are not allowed in other school yards than their own at any time, unless sent with messages. No pupil shall be permitted to leave the school yard at recess, except with permission of the teacher.

XXII. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in any of the schools without the consent of the Committee.

XXIII. Teachers shall read to the pupils, at such times as they deem expedient, any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

XXIV. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep and dust each schoolroom and entry twice every week; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary; wash the blackboards each week; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter; yards, free from tall grass, weeds, and litter; close gates when schools are not in session; report to teachers or Committee all injuries to property; prepare and put in the coal and wood, and practice rigid economy in its use, and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

Janitors shall not contract a bill for repairs on any of the school buildings, furniture, or grounds; or make any purchase of any article to be charged to the town, unless authorized by the Committee.

XXV. When a pupil does not attain the required per cent. for promotion, by reason of sickness, unavoidable absence, or other causes requiring consideration, the circumstances will be reported by the teacher, to be passed upon by the Committee.

XXVI. The Supply Agent shall be at the Committee rooms each day of the first week of Fall Term, and each Tuesday during term time throughout the year, from 11 to 12 M.

The Agent's duties are: To keep a correct account of books and supplies received, issued, and on hand, and to have such account open at all times to the inspection and for the information of the Committee.

In January and June of each year, to make a thorough inspection of the books in hands of pupils of the several schools, in order to promote the care of the same; to advise with teachers on the subject, and report whatever may be necessary to the Committee for their action or information.

To adjudge damage in case of gross carelessness or wanton destruction of books, to the end that parents shall make restitution in such cases.

To perform such other duties as from time to time the Board may find necessary.

WARRANT
FOR
TOWN MEETING,
MARCH 2, 1885.

WARRANT.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Melrose, in the County of Middlesex : *GREETING.*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Melrose, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, the second day of March, A. D. 1885, at 7 o'clock, A. M., then and there to act upon the following Articles, viz. :

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Assessors, two Water Commissioners, one for three years, one for two years, Library Trustees, Highway Surveyor or Surveyors, Water Loan Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years, three Auditors, two School Committee for three years, and Constables. Upon a separate ballot to bring in their votes in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Form of ballots to be "Yes" or "No."
3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.
4. To authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of meeting the demands of the Town, with the approval of the Selectmen.
5. To hear and act upon the report of the Finance Committee appointed at meeting held Nov. 12, 1884.
6. To raise money for Schools.
7. To raise money for School Contingent Expenses.
8. To raise money for Highways.
9. To raise money for Sidewalks.
10. To raise money for Crossings and Gutters.
11. To raise money for the Support of the Poor.
12. To raise money for the Fire Department.
13. To raise money for lighting and care of Street Lamps.
14. To raise money for additional Street Lamps.
15. To raise money for Police and Watchmen.
16. To raise money for Contingent Expenses.
17. To raise money to pay Interest on the Town Debt.
18. To raise money for the Reduction of the Town Debt.

19. To raise money for the Public Library.

20. To raise money for Water, viz.: to pay cost of constructing works for the past year, and for the use of the water, in hydrants, public buildings, etc.

21. To raise money for Salaries of Town Officers, and to fix the compensation of all officers and committees elected or appointed by the Town.

22. To raise money for Drainage, Bridges, and Culverts.

23. To raise money for deficiencies in accounts for the past year and for all other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

24. To determine the method by which the taxes for the year shall be collected.

25. To see if the Town will appropriate money for keeping in repair and decorating the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day.

26. To see what action will be taken in reference to the school building and lot on Franklin Street, west of the Highlands depot.

27. To see if the Town will build a school house at the Fells, on lot of land presented by Hon. E. S. Converse, and appropriate money for the same.

28. To see if the Town will build a plank sidewalk on Tremont Street, between Emerson and Melrose Streets, and appropriate money for the same, on the petition of F. W. Hunt and others.

29. To see if the Town will purchase a Steam Fire Engine and appropriate money for the same on petition of A. W. Lynde and others.

30. To hear and act on the reports of committees and for the transaction of any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several places of Public Worship, and at the Depots, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hand this seventeenth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

DANIEL NORTON,	} Selectmen	
HENRY G. FIELDS,		of
WM. BOYNTON,		Melrose.

A true Copy. Attest, ANSEL B. PIERCE, Constable.

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